The PIONEER

1955

Gerald Siemienkiewicz

"Buzz" Dennehy

Thomas Greenwood

Charles

Little Walsh

Thomas M Mooney

Jerry Coteau

Gaetano V. Lapicore

Joseph A. Thomas

J. Barry M

Robert E. Collect

Roger D. Dowd

Jack Cunningham

Alfred H.

Edward

Martin Harr

Francis Walsh

'Stee

John J. Firlings

Stan Bey

Gerard J. Gerritsje

Bill McGrath

Robert R. Breault

Francis Turnan

John M. Power

Fran S

Eugene "Moe" McCarthy

P. D. Kelly

Robert

Ed Foley

Jim Dorsey

Bob Meehan

William C. Pattan

Paul J. Tougas

James M

Robert "Bobby" Shea

Richard Sullivan

John "Bru

. Patterson

Robert J. Grady

Bob Belcher

eo J. Graham

Don F. Klocek

Norman Prue

Leo "Peepers" Hallio

Richard Clery

Walter Lucier

Big Jerry

Harold J. Shea

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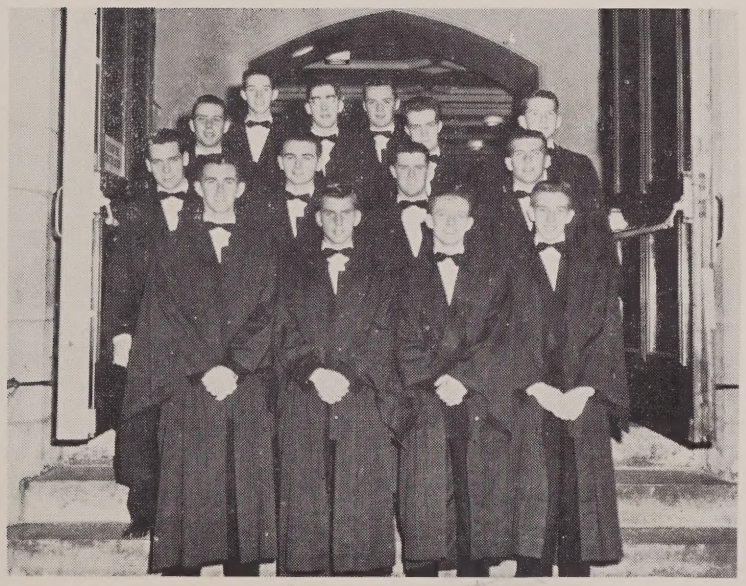

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Dedication

WE, THE 1955 CLASS OF SAINT JOHN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL, ARE DEDICATING OUR YEARBOOK, "THE PIONEER," TO BROTHER VINCENT C.F.X. WHO HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL DURING OUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS, BROTHER VINCENT.

Foreword

OUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS HAVE DRAWN TO A CLOSE. THE GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND MANY ENJOYABLE EVENTS WE HAVE SHARED AS CLASSMATES ARE NOW PART OF THE PAST. WITH THIS HAPPY PERIOD SO VIVID IN OUR MINDS, WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO RETAIN IT, SO THAT THROUGH THE YEARS TO COME, THE SPIRIT OF YOUTH WILL LIVE IN MEMORY.

WE HAVE NOW LEFT THE SHELTER OF SAINT JOHN'S AND HAVE ASSUMED THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANHOOD. WE SHALL SEPARATE, EACH TAKING HIS OWN PATH, BUT ALL OF US ENFOLDED SECURELY BY THE PIONEER OF SAINT JOHN'S SHALL BE FOUND TOGETHER IN MUTUAL DEVOTION TO OUR SCHOOL.

ASIDE FROM ITS SENTIMENTAL VALUE, WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS, THE LAST UNIFIED EFFORT OF THE CLASS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE MAY BE A FITTING TRIBUTE TO OURSELVES AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY.

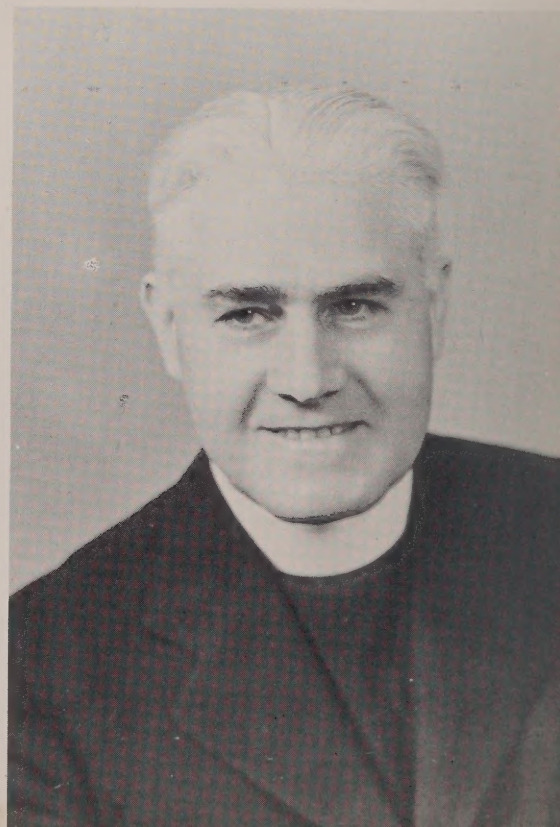
Our Spiritual Fathers

BISHOP WRIGHT

The constant growth of the Diocese of Worcester, both physical and spiritual, is due to the leadership and foresight of our Most Reverend Bishop, John J. Wright. Due to his generosity, St. John's Preparatory School has started on a new road to success under the leadership of the Xaverian Brothers. It is our fervent wish that his efforts to meet the increasing demands of Worcester's present and future growth will be blessed by God and his Immaculate Mother.

FATHER DONAHUE

We, the Class of 1955, are deeply grateful to our spiritual leader, Reverend John A. Donahue, pastor of St. John's Church, Worcester. During the time we were associated with him, he was a guide and inspiration to us. We hope that Father Donahue will always remember us in his prayers and above all, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



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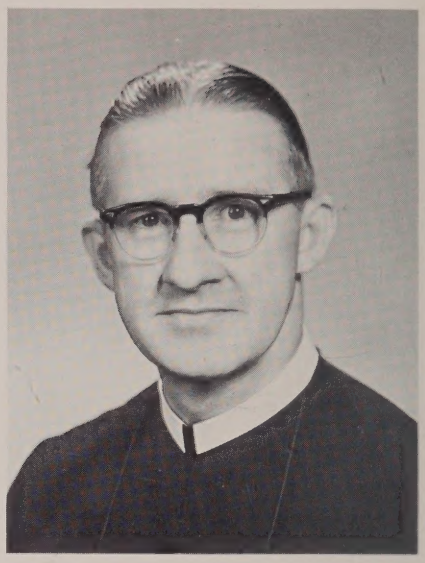
BROTHER VINCENT
Principal



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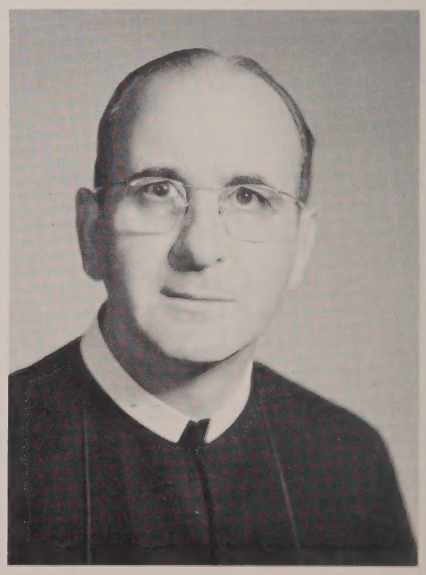
BROTHERS' NEW HOME IN SHREWSBURY

BROTHER ANTHONY
Latin, Math



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English,
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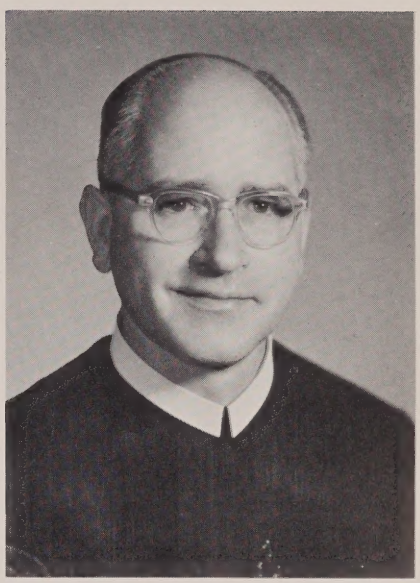

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BROTHER ALFRED
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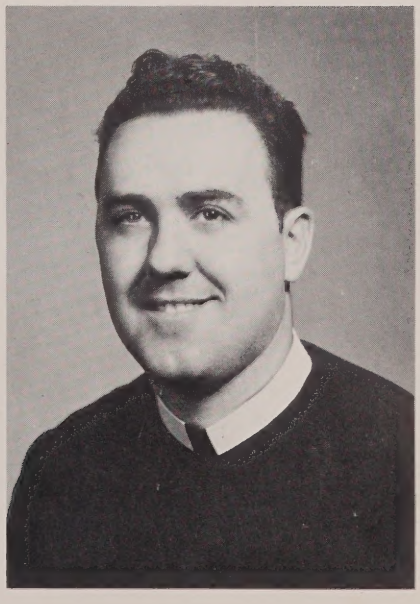

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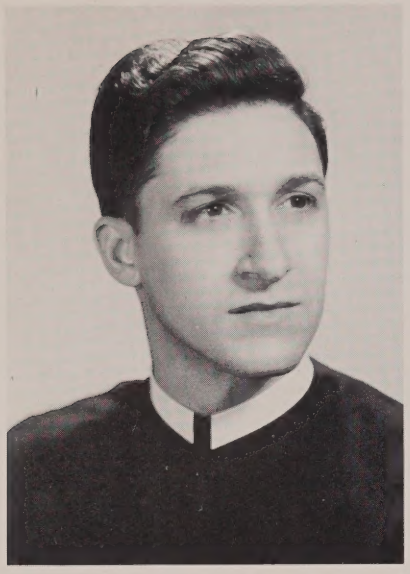

BROTHER DUNSTAN
Geometry, Trigonometry

BROTHER PLUNKETT
Math, Physics

MR. DEVLIN
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RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL LEADERS ATTENDING CENTENNIAL BANQUET

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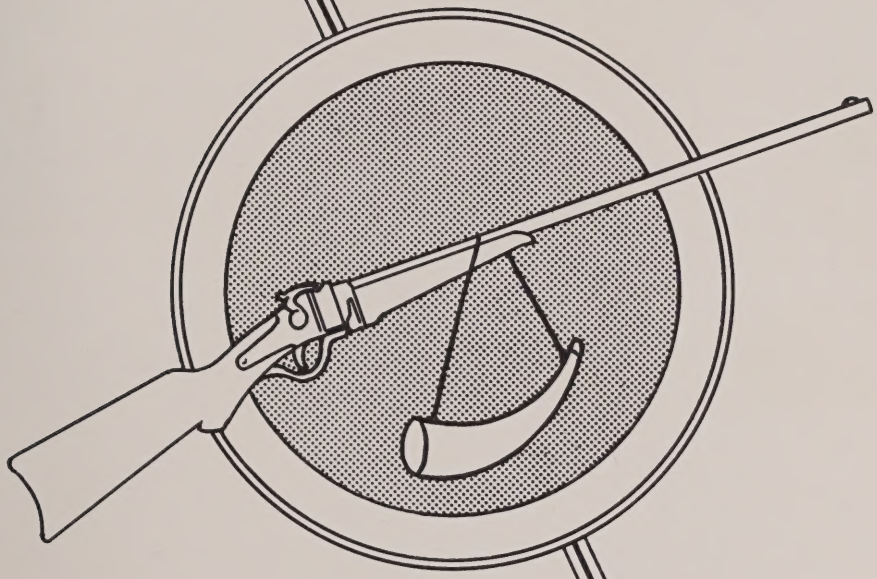

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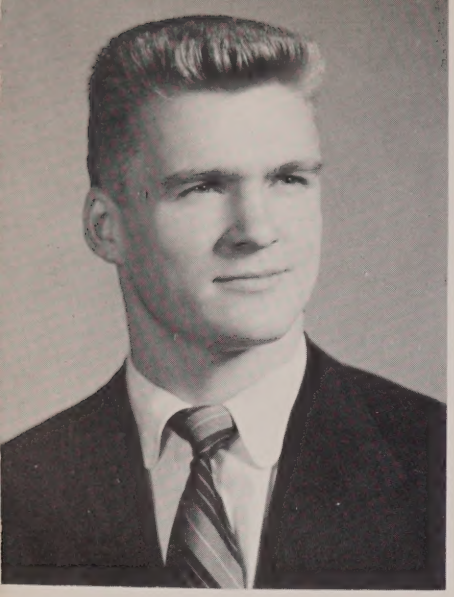

ALFRED M. BODEN

"AL"

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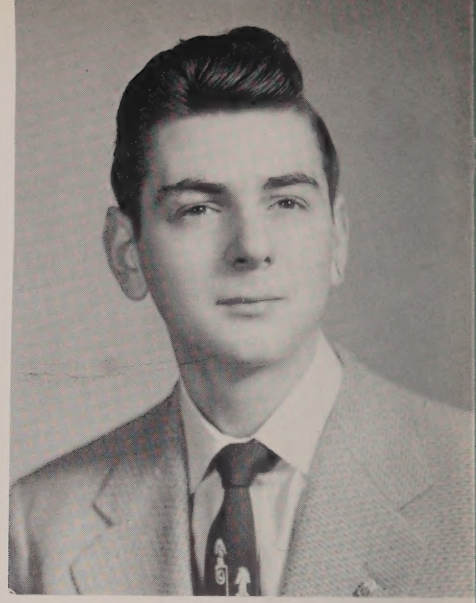
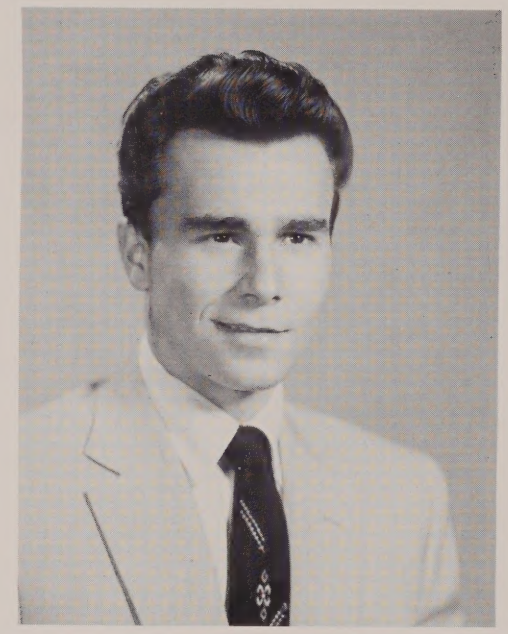


ROBERT R. BREAULT

"BOB"

Bob is an easy going fellow with never too much to say. He comes from St. Margaret Mary's Parish. Bob has no definite plans for the future.



ROBERT L. BOURGET

"BOB"

One of the quiet boys of the Senior Class, Bob is the boy when it comes to social events down at the Lake. Bob was one of this year's Co-Captains in Hockey.

ALFRED M. BOURBEAU

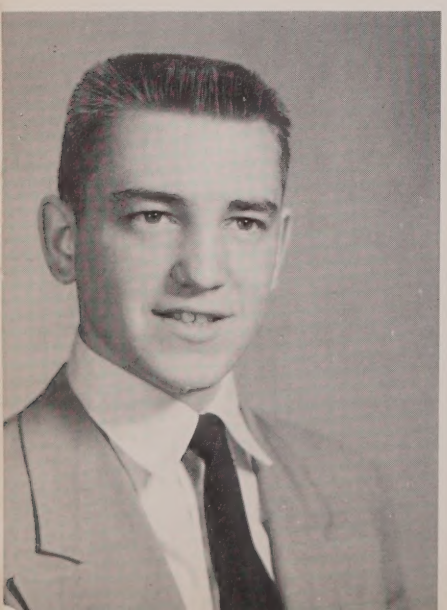
"AL"

Al's stay at S. J. has been marked by his quiet attitude and his ability to make friends. He can always be called upon to lend a hand if help is needed.

WALTER J. BROWN, Jr.

"WALT"

Walt is a likeable fellow who knows of all the social events in the city. He is Co-Editor of "The Pioneer" and is in various extra-curricular activities which include the Dance Committee, and Intra-mural sports.



JAMES M. CANAVAN

"JIM"

Jim is a well-liked fellow who hails from the June St. section of Worcester. He is Co-Editor of "The Pioneer" and a bright language student. His name has constantly appeared on the Honor Roll.

LAWRENCE X. CLIFFORD

"LARRY"

Larry was a member of the Physics Club and played football for two years. He was also manager of the basketball team in his senior year.

ROBERT E. COLBERT

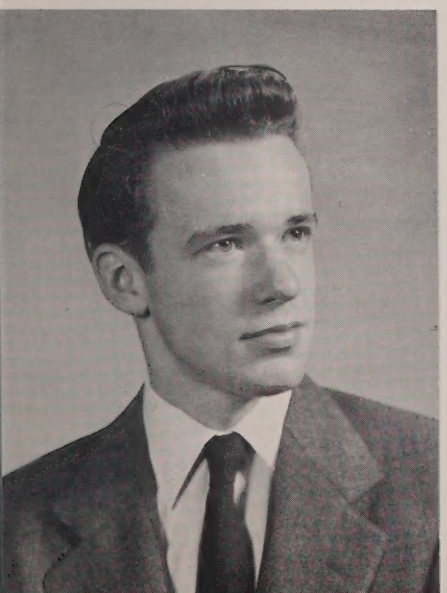
"BOB"

Bob hails from Boylston, and has been at S. J. for four years. He was a member of the Hockey team. He plans to attend Holy Cross College.

RICHARD D. CLAREY

"DICK"

Dick's name constantly appeared on the Honor Roll. His work on the "Red and White" for the three years merited him Co-Editorship in his senior year.



JAMES J. CONNOR

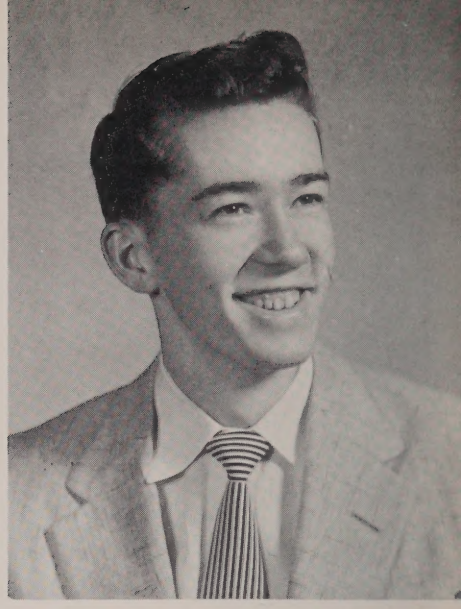
"JIM"

Jim who comes from Grafton, is the most talented trumpet player in the Senior Class. He is also a very adept swimmer and a member of the varsity team.

ROBERT L. COUSINEAU

"BOB" "CUZ"

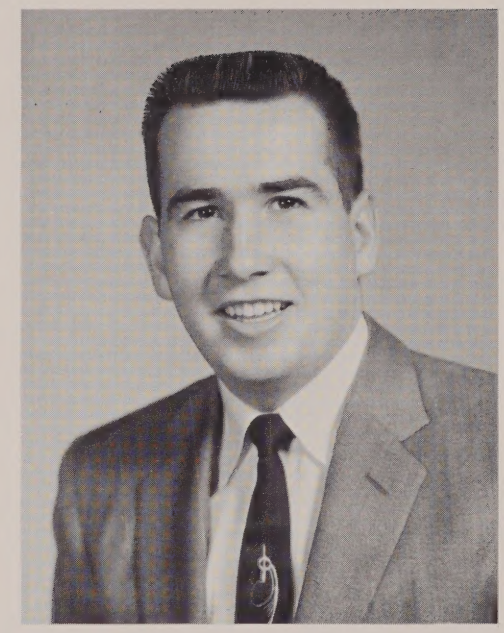
Cuz is about the most versatile musician in the Senior Class. As well as playing the trombone in the school orchestra, he plays the clarinet and is also very handy with the drums. Cuz was a member of the football team for four years.



JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM

"JACK"

Besides being an Honor Roll student, Jack was a member of the "Red and White" Staff and The Yearbook committee. He was a chairman of our dances and did an excellent job.



JOHN H. CULLEN

John makes the long trip in from Shrewsbury every morning. He was a member of the football team in his Senior year. John plans to continue his education at Holy Cross.

GERALD A. CROTEAU

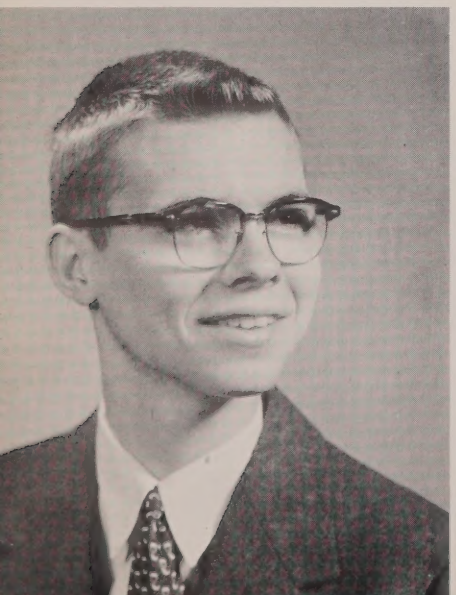
"GERRY"

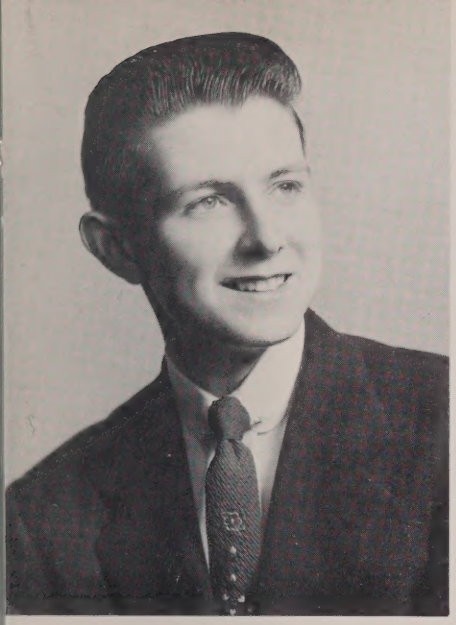
Gerry came to us in the Senior Year from Millbury High. A quiet, studious boy, Gerry gained a position in the Honor Club. Although his plans are not definite, we know Gerry will succeed in whatever task he undertakes.

HAMILTON E. DAVIS

"JOE" "HAM"

Ham gained the entire student body's confidence when he was elected president of the Youth Council here at S. J. Joe was a member of the hockey team and his name often appeared on the Honor Roll.

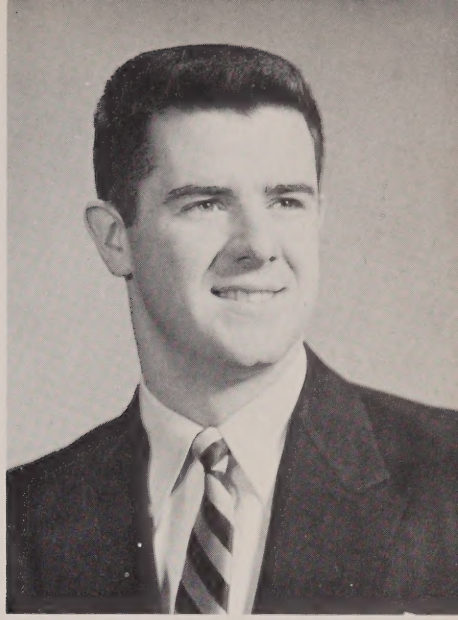




JOHN W. DAVIS

"JACK"

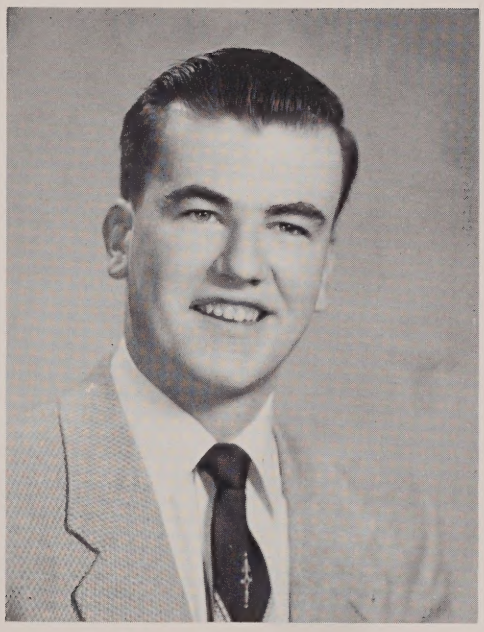
Jack was Co-Chairman of Social Events, was a member of the Physics Club and a better than average student. His meritorious work on the school paper has earned for him the position of business manager.



JAMES J. DORSEY

"JIM"

Jim's popularity has gained for him the presidency of the Senior Class X101. Jim was named General Chairman of social activities at S. J. He was a member of the football and basketball teams for two years. Jim is an honor student and a born leader.



D. PAUL DENNEHY

"BUZZY"

Buzzy's popularity has earned for him Co-Editorship of the "Pioneer." He is a likeable lad who gets along well with all his fellow students. Buzzy plans to go on to Holy Cross College.

JOHN D. DECKER

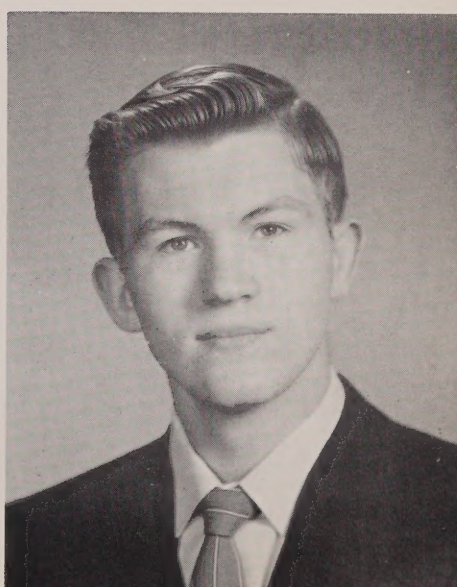
"JACK"

Jack hails from the Quinsigamond region. He is a quiet, likeable fellow who is considered to be a fine host by all of the seniors who have attended his parties.

ROGER D. DOWD

"RAJAH"

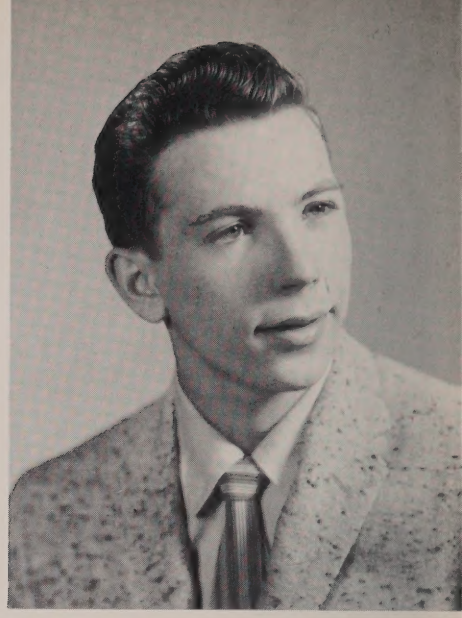
Rajah is truly the scientist and mathematician of the Senior Class. His experiences in the Chemistry and Physics lab were baffling to everybody including his teachers. He is completing his twelfth year at St. John's. Good luck to you, Roger.



JOHN J. DWYER

"JACK"

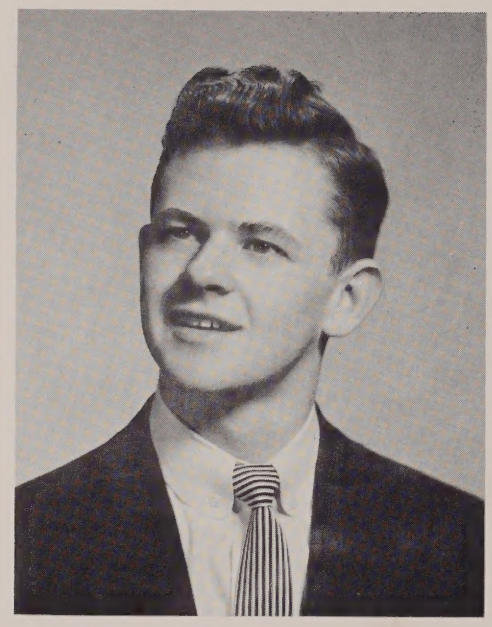
Jack came to S. J. in his senior year from St. Louis High in Webster where he resides. Jack is one of the better golfers in the class and is one of the mainstays of the golf team.



EDWARD P. FISHER

"EDDY"

Eddy has been with us only a year. He came to S. J. from Malden Catholic High School in Malden, Mass. His mild-mannered disposition and amiable manner has won him many friends here at S. J.



JOHN A. FIRLINGS

"JACK"

Jack is on the Yearbook Committee. His likeable manner and his outstanding personality will win for him many friends as it has done here at S. J. Lots of luck, Jack in everything you ever do.

E. MICHAEL FEELEY

"MIKE"

Mike is one of the best salesmen that we have in the class, as he can be seen selling shoes at Ware Pratt in his spare time. Mike plans to enter Holy Cross.

EDWARD A. FOLEY

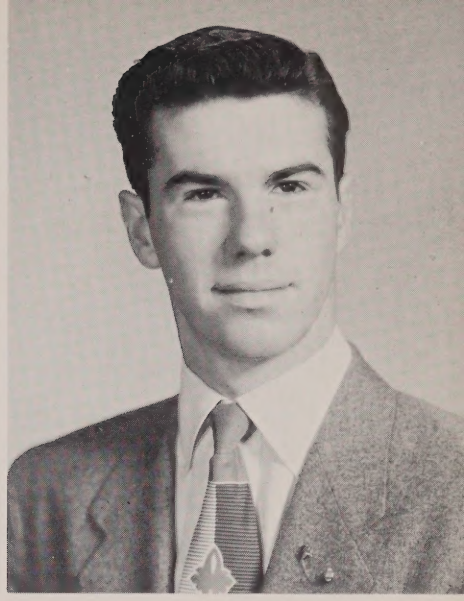
"ED"

Ed has led the class in marks for four years. He is president of the Honor Club here at S. J. Ed is on the Yearbook Committee and an artist for the Red and White Staff. He is valedictorian of the Senior Class.

FRANCES X. GARDNER

"FRAN" "CHAMP"

Fran is pleasant and peppy and sparkles the atmosphere with his casual wit. Being an excellent swimmer, Fran was an important member of the swimming team.



GEORGE D. GOODNEY

"GIG"

A rather quiet, good looking boy, Gig is very quick at making friends. He is the "pride of Oxford" and is held in high esteem by his classmates. Gig has no definite plans for the future.

GERRARD J. GERRITS

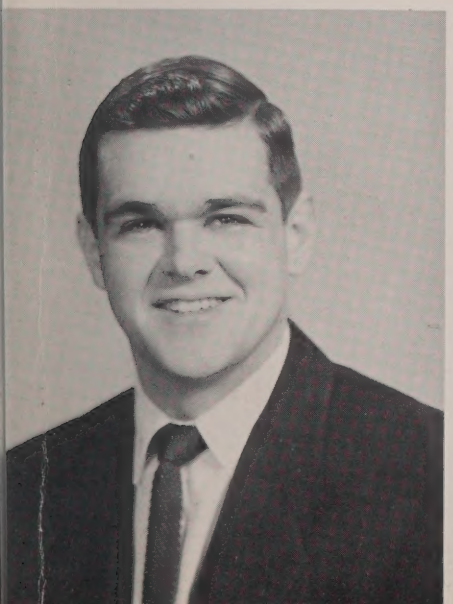
"GERRY"

Gerry is a rather easy going unassuming fellow who is missed greatly when he is not around. His work in the school musical was excellent. Gerry plans to enter Massachusetts Radio School.

JAMES T. GARVEY

"JIM" "GARVE"

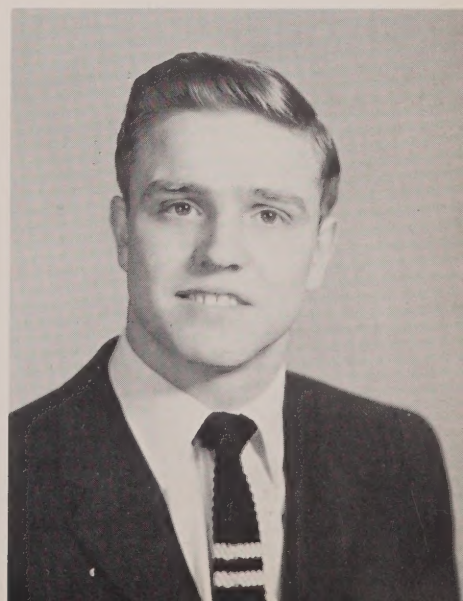
Jim has been president of his class for the past three years. He is president of the Worcester Catholic Youth Council and vice-president of the Council here at Saint John's. Jim was awarded a placque for being the best football center in Central New England last year. He was honored with the co-captaincy of the football team and was placed on the All-City team this year.

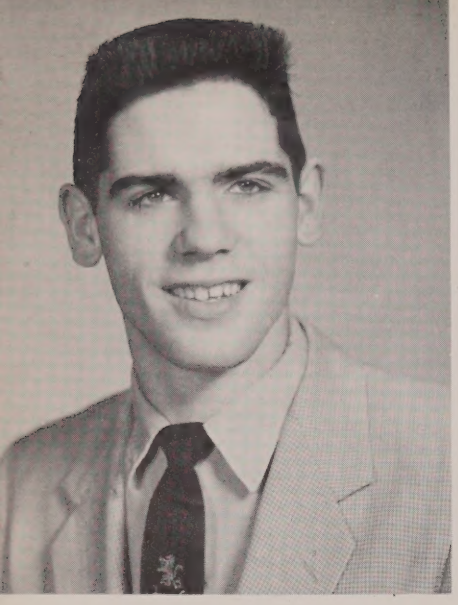


PAUL A. GOVONI

"PAUL"

Paul can be recognized by his sharp grey Plymouth. He, too, is a scientist and a member of the Physics Club. Paul is a good student whose name frequently appears on the honor roll.

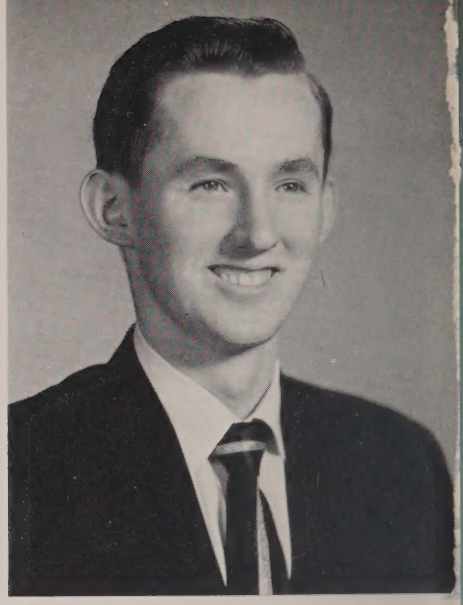




ROBERT J. GRADY

"ROB"

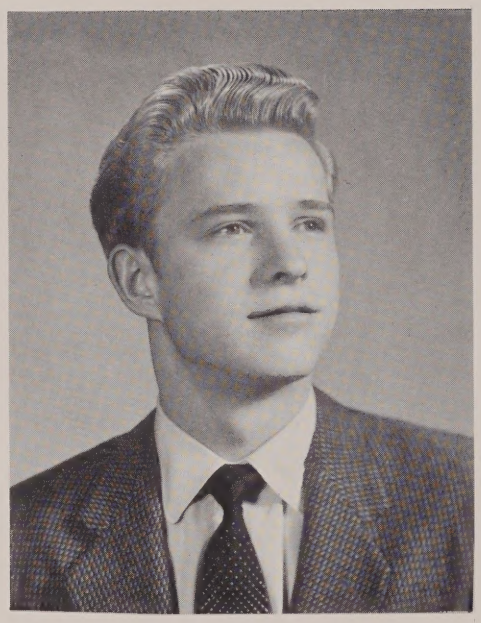
From his freshman year Rob has been confusing the Brothers. Until his Senior year and a change of style in haircuts, he put all the blame on his twin brother Will, if he got into any trouble. Rob's tremendous popularity has gained for him admiration from all who know him.



MARTIN F. HARRITY

"MARTY"

Who among us hasn't observed the intellectual and social straight-forwardness of Marty? His talents on the basketball court have helped S. J. for the past two years. Marty was chairman of the culture division of the CYC here at S. J.



THOMAS F. GREENWICH

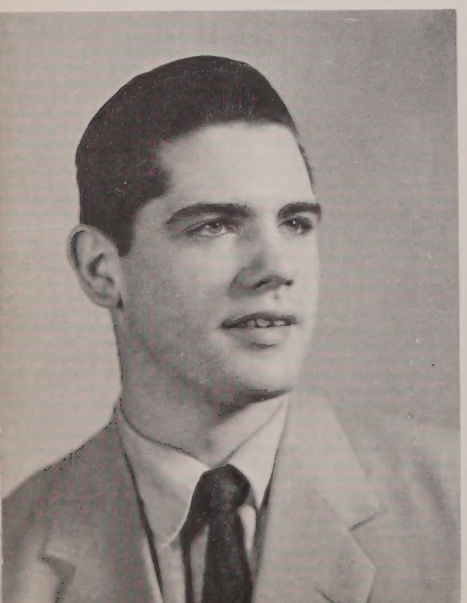
"TOM"

Tom came to S. J. as a freshman and has always done his share to make things a success here. He showed his hidden basketball talents with great finesse in intramural basketball.

WILLIAM J. GRADY

"WILL"

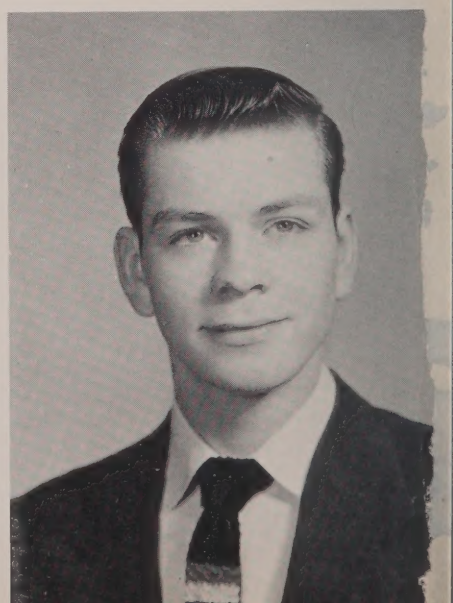
The second half of that great duo, is a great worker, as can be seen by his better than average marks. His ability with a microphone and public address system is known to the entire student body by his commendable work at the student assemblies.

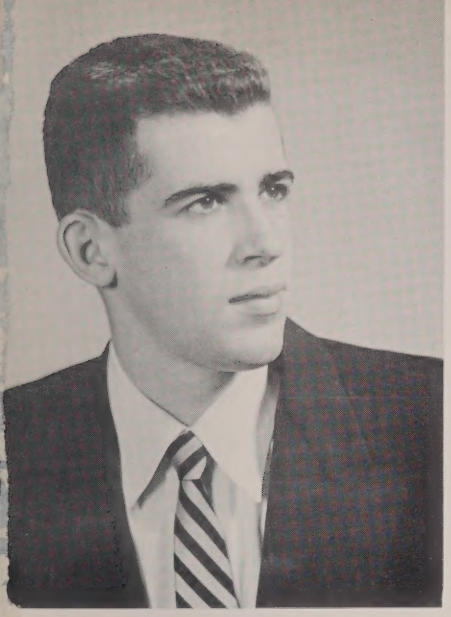


ROBERT T. HEHIR

"BOB"

Bob has been a member of the hockey team for two years. His work in the school musical wa worthy of great praise. Bob was o the Yearbook Committee.

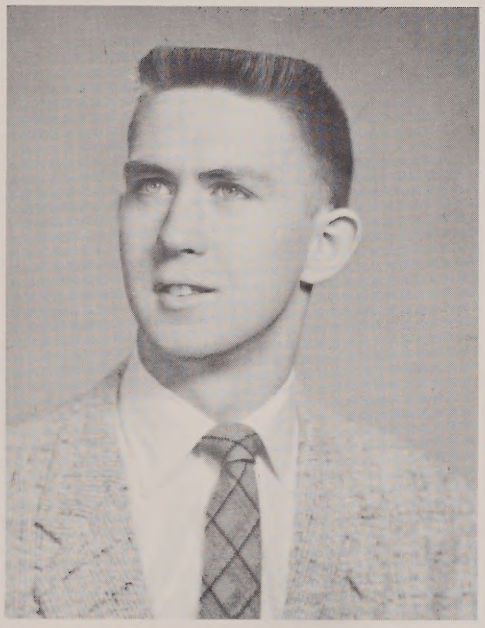




THOMAS J. HILL

"TOM"

Tom was president of the Junior Class and a member of the Dance Committee. During the basketball season, his nickname was "Shotgun" because of his capable scoring ability in the intramural league. Tom is headed for Holy Cross.



ROBERT A. KELEHER

"BOB" "KEL"

Kel, our student athlete of the year, played football, basketball and baseball. He was the co-captain of our undefeated basketball team, having been a member of the varsity team for the past three years. His prize play on the diamond gained for him an All-City position in his senior year.

FRANCIS D. KELLY

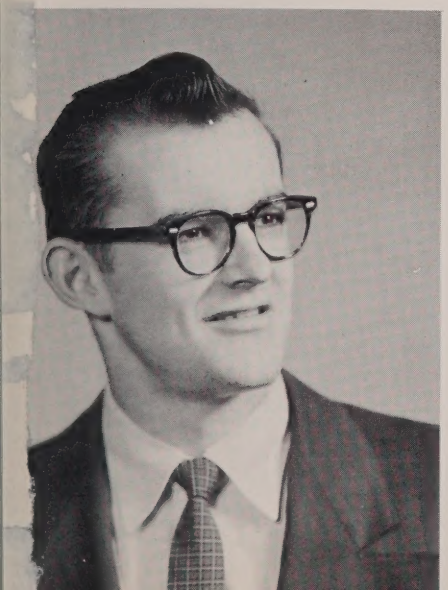
"FRANK" "BISH"

Frank's work on the "Red and White" gained for him the co-editorship in his senior year. He was the senior altar boy at the S. J. Centennial Mass celebrated by Bishop Wright. Frank plans to attend Holy Cross College.

LEO W. KALLIO

"LEO" "MR. PEEPERS"

Leo is the happy-go-lucky type of fellow. Leo played varsity football for three years and was co-captain of the hockey team in his senior year. Leo will attend Mt. St. Mary's College, in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



DONALD F. KLOCEK

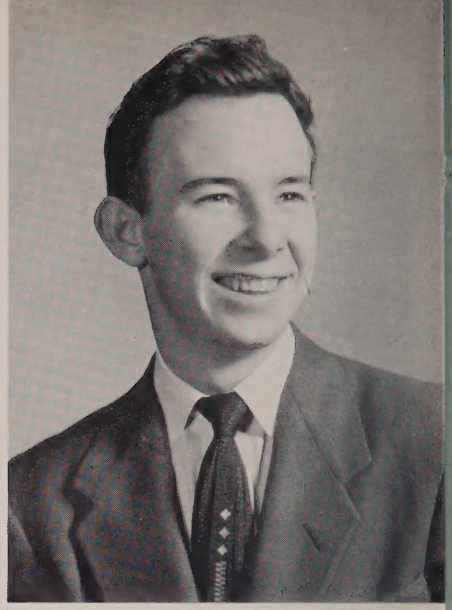
"DON"

For four years Don has been trekking to St. John's from the fair village of Fisherville. His ready wit makes him a likeable fellow and a fellow worth knowing. Don plans to enter Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

PETER S. LACONFORA

"PETE"

Pete comes from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish where he set a record of 49 points in one game in a Parish League basketball contest. Pete has been catcher on the baseball team for four years and was co-captain in his senior year.



WALTER J. LUCIER

"WALT"

Walt comes to us from Fisherville. He is a quiet, well-liked fellow who will always lend a hand when there is something to be done. A better than average student, Walt's name frequently appeared on the honor roll.

ROBERT A. LEDOUX

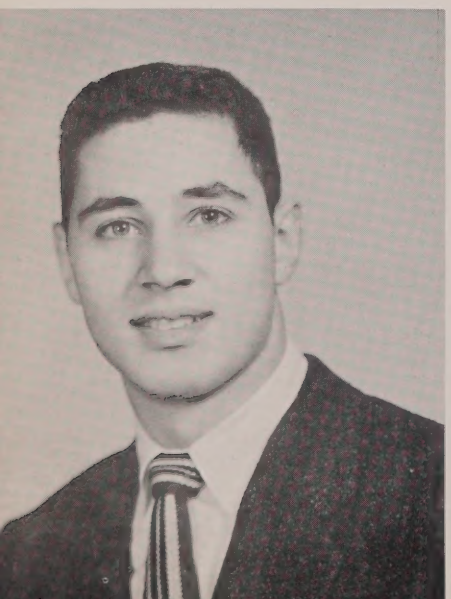
"BOB"

Bob is the only member of the senior class who hails from the great village of Marlboro. Well-liked and rather silent, Bob divides his time between studies and hockey. Bob hopes to continue his education next Fall.

GAETANO V. LAPRIORE

"BUDDY"

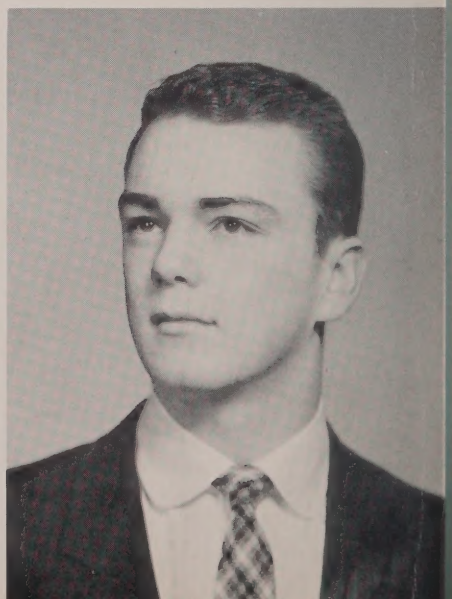
Buddy is a quiet well-liked fellow with strong school spirit. He is a good student as well as a fine athlete. Buddy played football and baseball for three years. Holy Cross will be his school for the next four years.

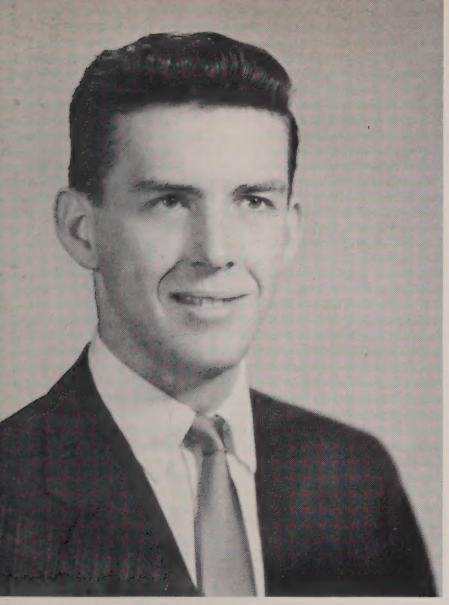


JOHN A. MALLOY

"JOHNNY"

Johnny was on the football team. He was socially prominent, always seen at the school dances, besides all other school functions. Johnny will matriculate at Holy Cross.





EUGENE F. McCARTHY

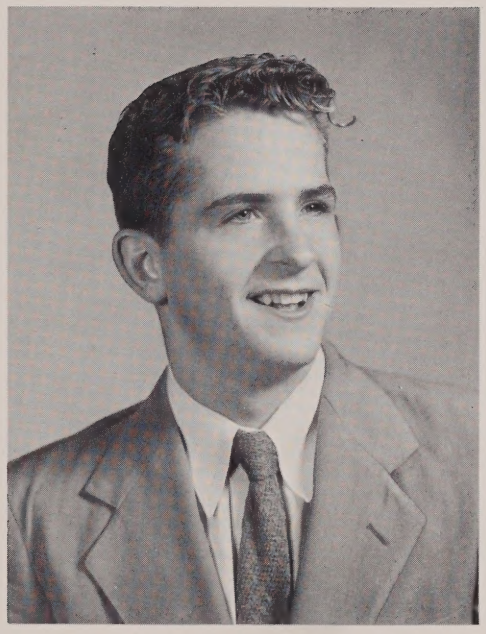
"MOE"

Moe is quite a popular fellow around the hallowed halls of St. John's. Moe is co-editor of the Pioneer. He plans to attend Worcester State Teachers' College.

JOHN A. McGUINESS

"JACK"

Jack is a daily commuter from Greendale. Jack has been a loyal follower of St. John's teams and has been a member of the hockey team. for two years.



RONALD E. McCROHON

"RONNY" "PEEWEE"

PeeWee is another of the Vernon Hill boys at St. John's. He was vice-president of the senior class. A member of the football team for three years, he was the best quarter back in Central New England in his junior year and co-captain in his senior year.

DAVID L. McCLURE

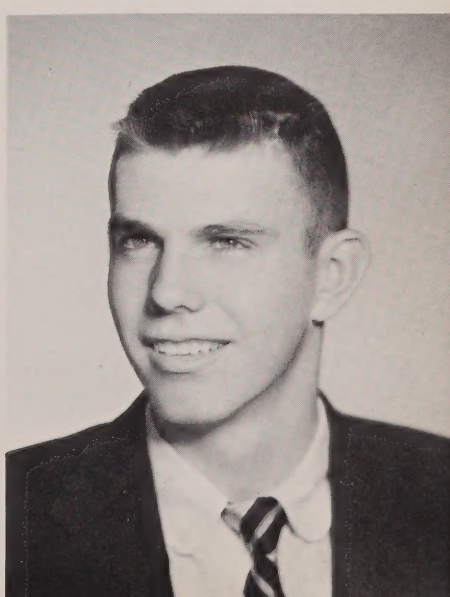
"DAVE"

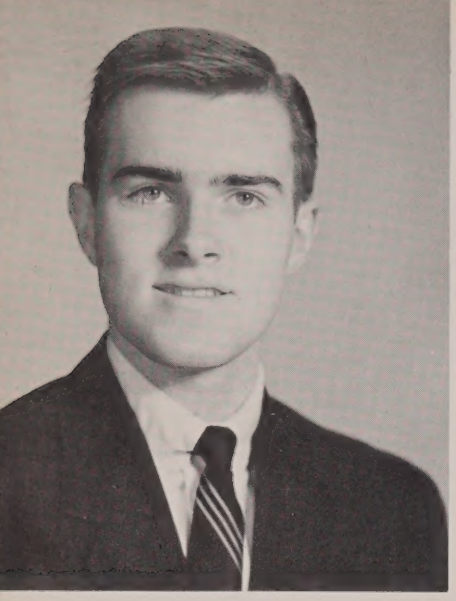
Dave is a well-liked fellow who comes to us from Shrewsbury. He has the right attributes for gaining friends. Dave plans to enter Stockbridge.

JOHN BARRY McGRATH

"BARRY" "J. B."

Barry is that extra-tall, extra-humorous fellow that you can't help seeing around the halls of the Institute. He was co-captain of the basketball team and won a position on the All-City team. His super performances turned in at all the tournaments gained for him five All-Star awards.

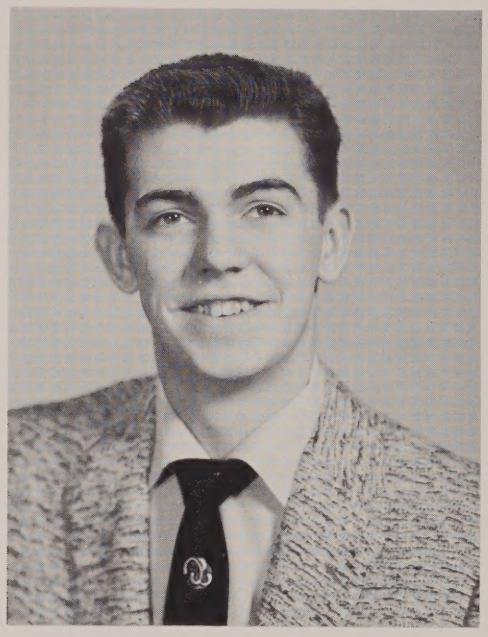




WILLIAM J. McGRATH

"BILLY"

Billy was a quiet and rather studious fellow here at St. John's. Billy was always on hand at sports events and social affairs, thus showing his school spirit. Billy will further his education at Holy Cross.



PAUL A. MELIA

"PAUL"

Paul has been a member of the class for the last four years. An excellent musician, Paul played the drums in the School orchestra. Paul plans to enter Radio School in Boston.

THOMAS M. MOONEY

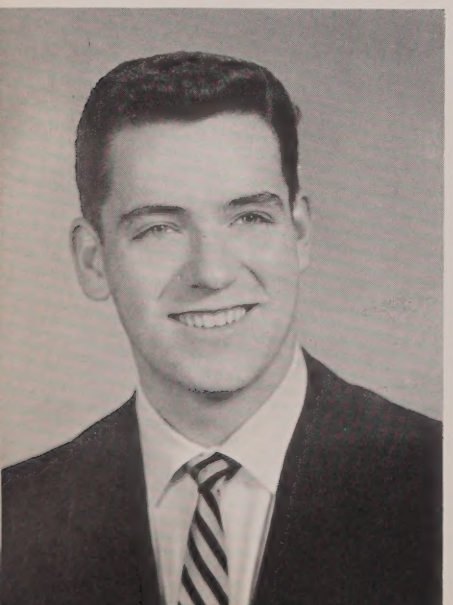
"RED"

Red was on the Junior and Senior Prom committees. He did an excellent job on his parish basketball team and likewise on his intramural team. Holy Cross will be his college.

ROBERT C. MEEHAN

"BOB" "BURT LANCASTER"

Bob takes the honors for being the handsomest fellow in the senior class. Bob is a better than average student and a good man at organizing social events. His popularity gained him a position as class officer in all of his four years at Saint John's.



ROBERT J. MOYNIHAN

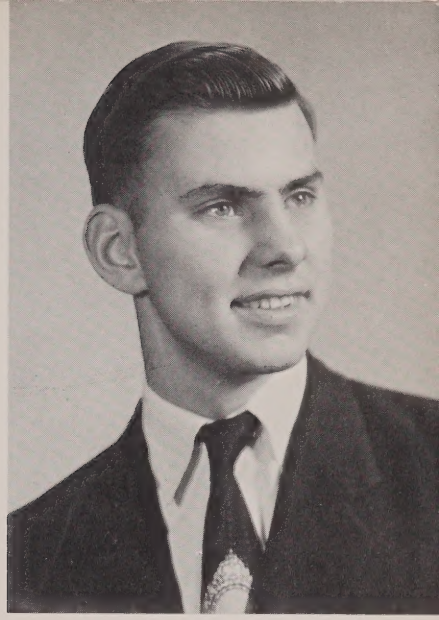
"BOB"

Bob was chairman of Religious Activities on the C.Y.C. here at S. J. A studious lad, Bob's name constantly appeared on the Honor Roll. Bob will enter the Jesuit Order in September.

GEORGE F. MURPHY

"GIG" "MURPH"

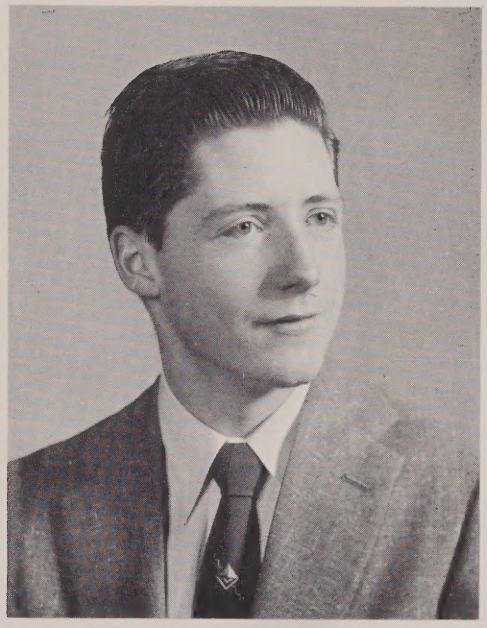
Murph is a rather quiet fellow but has the know-how to gain friends. His marks prove that he was a good student. He also took part in intramural sports and social activities.



CHARLES R. PATTERSON

"CHARLIE"

Charlie's personality and school spirit have won for him the Alumni Award as the student that has shown the most school spirit. Charlie has been on the football team for the last three years and this has not hurt his marks.



EUGENE O'ROURKE

"GENE"

Gene is one of our ardent sports enthusiasts and team rooters. Gene was president of the Public Speaking Club. He plans to enter Holy Cross in September

GERALD P. O'CONNOR

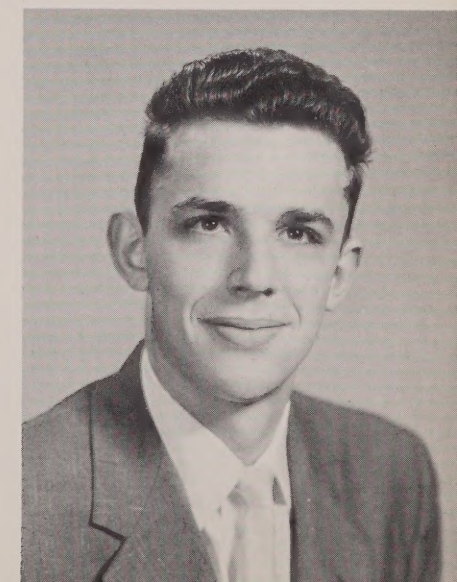
"GERRY" "OKIE"

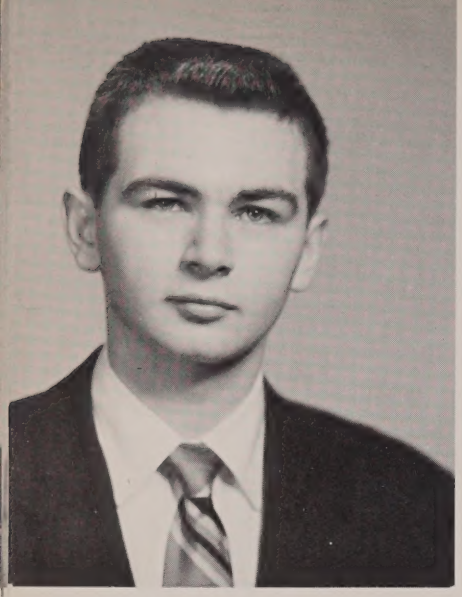
Like many of the other seniors, Gerry has an exceptionally fine sense of humor and can be seen drawing laughs at most any time. As a student, Okie did not find much difficulty in obtaining good marks. Gerry is entering Worcester State Teachers' College.

RICHARD P. PLANTE

"DICK"

Dick is a quiet fellow who came to us in our junior year from St. Stephen's High School. Dick had an active part in the school orchestra besides helping the Red and White with his camera.





JOHN M. POWER

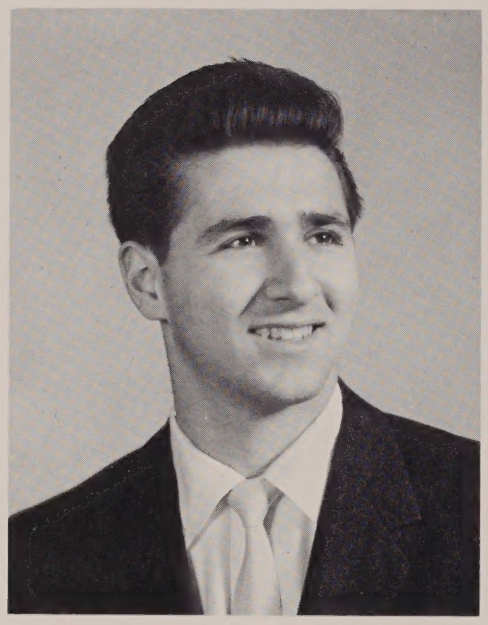
"JOHN"

John is the feature writer of the "Red and White" and one of the scholastic leaders of his class. John will further his education at Holy Cross.

JOSEPH F. REMBISZEWSKI

"JOE"

Joe's stay at S. J. has been marked by his quiet attitude and his ability to make friends. He is the president of the Physics Club and a member of the bowling team.



JAMES J. RAHAIM

"JIM"

Quiet and reserved is Jim who has as many true friends at S. J. as any other member of the Class. We all know his capabilities in the sport and social worlds. Jim plans to attend the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Best wishes to you, Jim, in your chosen career.

NORMAN H. PRUE

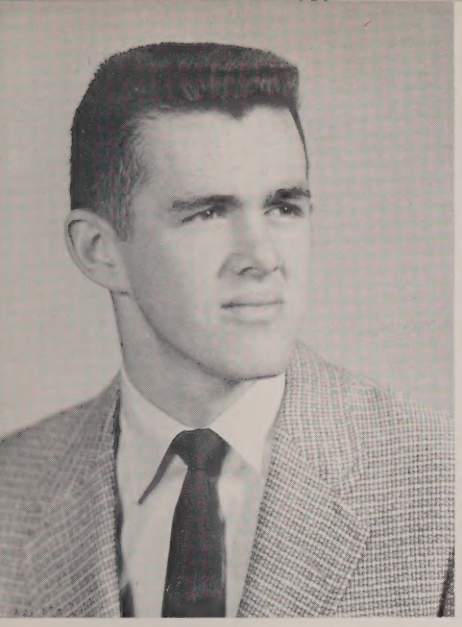
"NORM" "MIDGET"

One of the smallest members of the Class, Norm has a heart that will equal the size of Whelan. Norm has a personality that gained many friends for him during his four years at St. John's. Norm will seek higher education at Worcester Polytechnical Institute.

ROLAND E. RIZKALLA

"ROLLY"

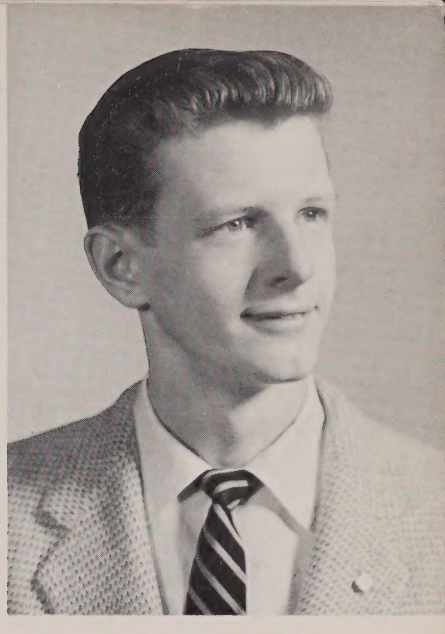
Rolly's popularity has gained him the office of Secretary of his class for the past two years. Rolly has been on the baseball team for three years, each year batting above 400. He made the All-City team in his junior year and was co-captain in his senior year.



FRANCIS E. SAVAGE

"FRAN"

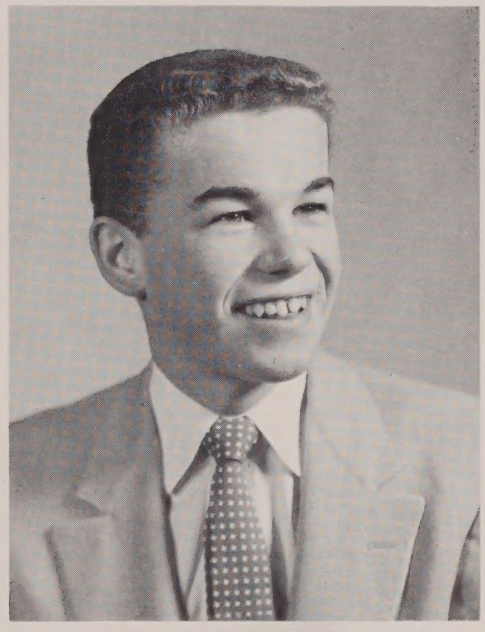
Frank was a member of the football team for three years, leading pitcher on the baseball team and an All-Star in the parish basketball league. Fran will enter Cushing Academy as a preparation for Boston University.



GERALD SIEMIENKIEWICZ

"SHIM"

Shim was with us for the first two years, left in the junior year but returned for the senior year. A rather quiet fellow, he was the photographer on the Red and White staff.



ROBERT P. SHEA

"BOOBY"

Booby, who is quite the popular boy up at Vernon Hill Park is known and liked for his ever present smile. Booby was a good student and a member of the Yearbook Committee.

HAROLD F. SHEA

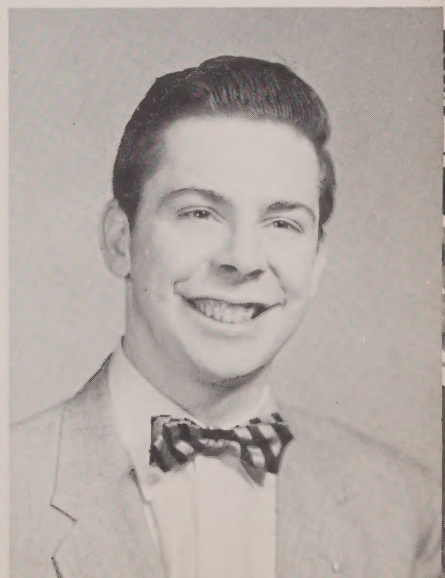
"HAROLD"

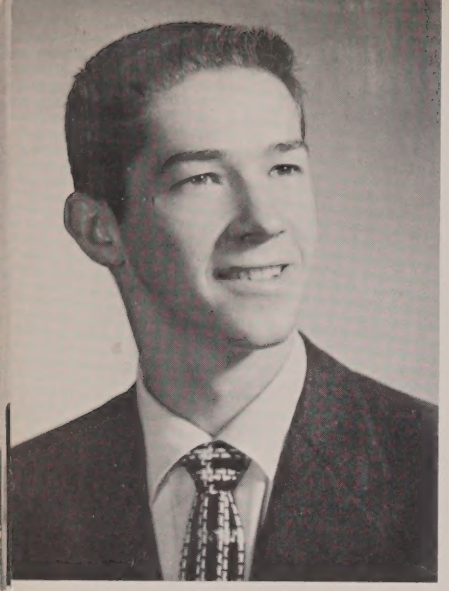
Harold is another of our seniors who wishes to remain out of the limelight. He may always be seen supporting sports activities or lending a hand to help in the Physics Club.

JOHN E. P. SULLIVAN

"JOHN"

John came to us in the junior year from Sacred Heart Academy. His best subjects were the classic languages and he found no difficulty in getting good grades in them.





RICHARD E. SULLIVAN

"DICK" "SULLY"

Sully is one of the most popular fellows in the Class. Dick was a member of the varsity basketball team for two years and was on the "Red and White" staff. He will enter Providence College.

WILLIAM A. TATTAN

"BILL"

Bill made the All-City football team in his junior year. He played football and basketball for three years. Bill has been on most of the social committees around the Institute and a member of the Yearbook Committee.

JOSEPH A. THOMAS

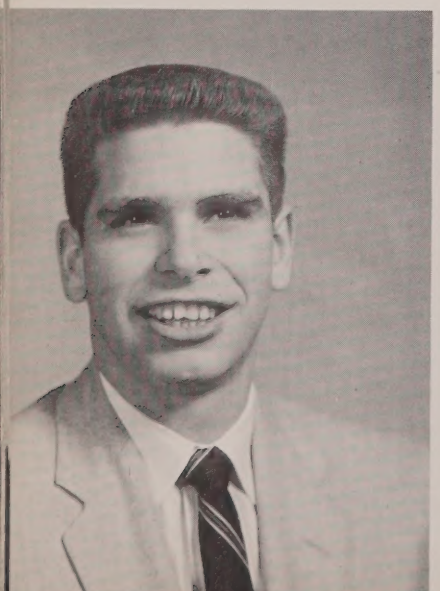
"JOE"

Joe was one of the quieter boys around the Institute. He was a member of the Physics Club and on the Yearbook Committee. As of now, Joe has not decided on what college he will enter but we wish him success.

RONALD D. TARALLO

"RON"

Ron is the fellow who can always come up with a story to brighten even the darkest of days. He is an average student and was a member of the football team for three years.



FRANCIS M. TIVNAN

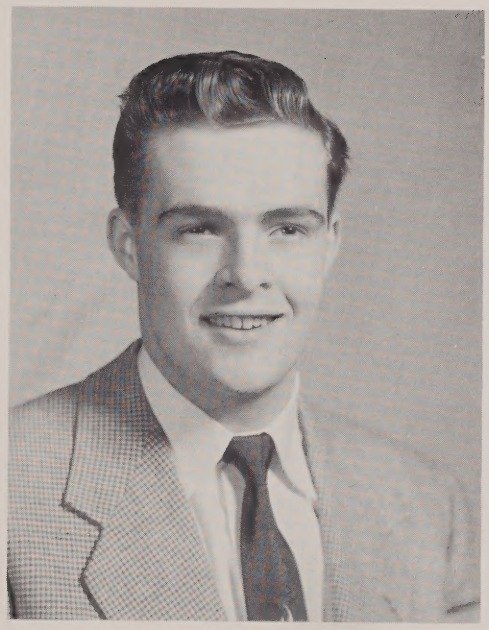
"FRAN"

Fran can always be recognized by his wide smile that he has for everyone. He was the sports' editor of the "Red and White" and a member of the Physics Club.

STANLEY E. TOLOCZKO

"STAN"

Although rather quiet, Stan's personality has earned him the friendship of everyone who knows him. His basketball ability was revealed in the intra-mural games. He is a member of the Physics Club.



FRANCIS L. WALSH

"FRAN"

A talented singer is our Fran. His performance in the Irish Musical won't be forgotten for many a year. Fran was a member of the Physics Club and president of the Choral Club. Francis also found time to be a member of the Yearbook Committee.

JOHN J. WALSH

"BOB"

Bob's fine personality together with his good marks and athletic ability made him a popular senior around school. Bob gained a position on the All-City football team in his senior year. He was a member of the Physics Club.

PAUL J. TOUGAS

"PAUL"

Paul is one of the best money collectors in the senior class. His ability may lead to a great future. Paul was business manager of the Yearbook. Paul will further his studies at Holy Cross College.

JOHN J. WALSH

"JOHN"

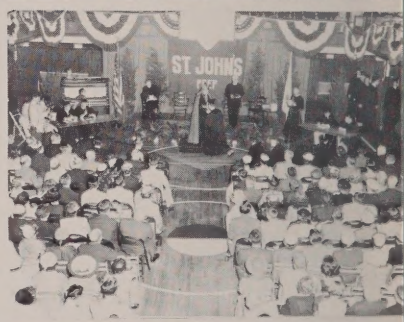
Another John J. Walsh here at St. John's is our mighty John. John was a member of the hockey team for two years and held down the important position of goalie. Walshie plans to enter Worcester State Teacher's College.

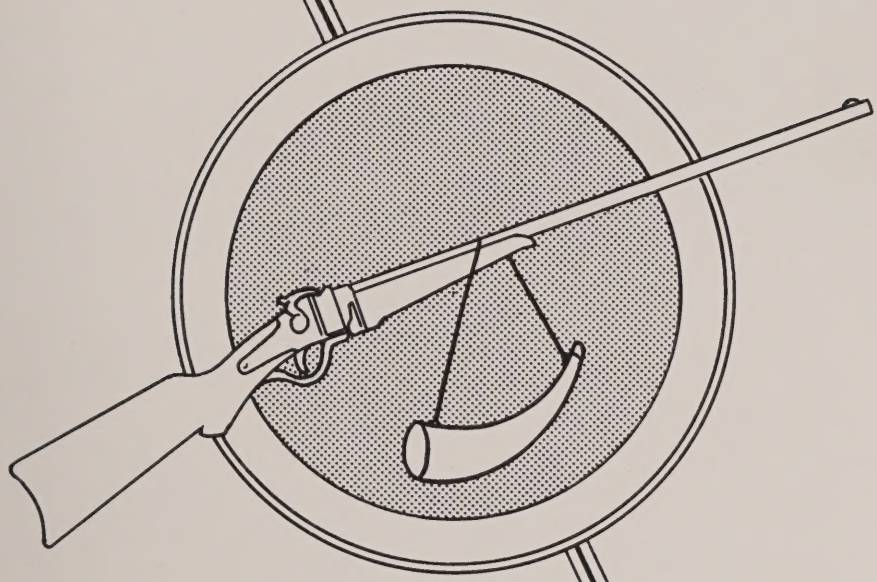
DAVID C. WHELAN

"BIG DAVE"

Dave is the tallest member of the senior class and every inch of that 6' 6" frame is over-brimming with personality. Dave is well liked and is usually the butt of many jokes because of his height. This does not bother Dave, as he is a fun-loving fellow himself and often adds to the enjoyment. Dave has no definite plans for the future but we are sure that he will succeed.

GRADUATION





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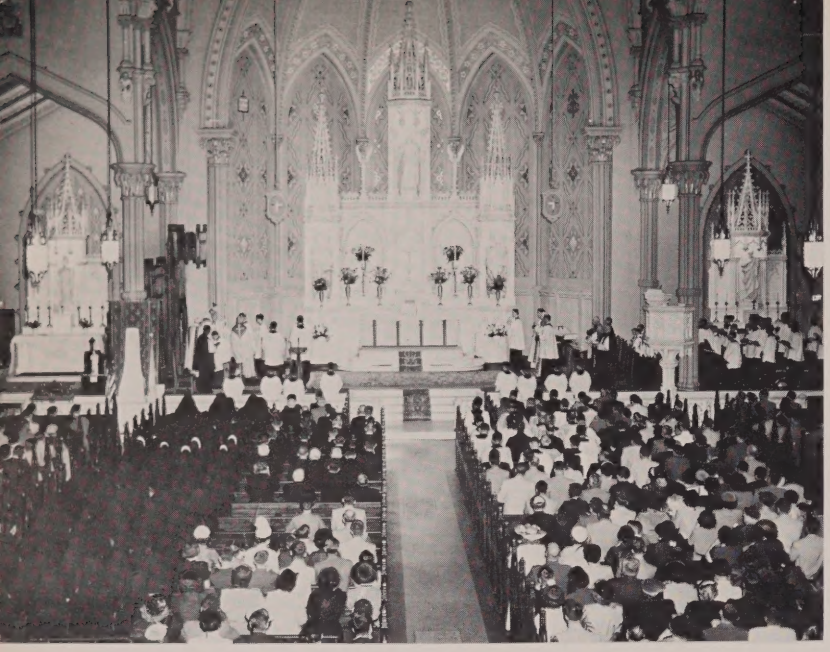


SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS FOR THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE XAVERIAN BROTHERS.

With all the beauty and pageantry of the solemn Pontifical Mass, the Xaverian Brothers celebrated their centennial in America at St. Paul's Cathedral on the evening of the First Friday of October. With hundreds of alumni, parents and students, visiting clergy and old-time faculty members crowding the Church for the ceremony, it was an impressive sight indeed. Bishop Wright pontificated, assisted by members of the alumni from the Worcester and Springfield Dioceses.

At the conclusion of the Church service, a monster dinner was held in the Memorial Auditorium with an overflow crowd of 1700 in attendance. Speakers included: His Excellency, Bishop John J. Wright, Mayor James D. O'Brien, and City Manager Francis J. McGrath. Guests of honor included the presidents of the local colleges, and all living past principals of St. John's. The affair was one of the largest dinners ever served in the Worcester Auditorium.

Religious Activities

All of the extra-curricular activities of the school were co-ordinated this past year under a newly formed organization, the Catholic Youth Council. With national headquarters in Washington, the CYC was adopted in the Worcester Diocese by Bishop Wright. It is made up of more than one hundred local parish and school chapters.

SENIORS AT RETREAT

The St. John's unit is referred to as the Father Fitton Chapter. It was headed by officers selected by the students themselves. These included: President Hamilton J. Davis, vice-president James L. Garvey, secretary John J. Walsh, treasurer Robert A. Keleher. Elected as delegates were Thomas A. Foley and George L. Bailey. The four activity chairmen: James J. Dorsey, social; J. Robert Moynihan, religious; Martin J. Harrity, cultural; and William Tattan, athletic.

Meetings were held bi-monthly and were presided over by the unit president, Hamilton Davis.

As has been the custom for the past ten years, the student retreat, held at the opening of the second semester, was under the direction of the Jesuit Mission Band.

FATHER LYONS CONDUCTS BENEDICTION

Retreat

Officers of the Catholic Youth Council from St. John's. From left, Jim Garvey, vice-president; Hamilton Davis, president; "Bob" Walsh, secretary; Bob Keleher, treasurer.

Father James Lyons, S.J. was the retreat-master, and his wide experience as an administrator at the Jesuit high school in Portland, Maine, made him an admirable choice.

Three conferences were scheduled daily, with rosary, litanies, stations of the Cross, spiritual reading and benediction filling out the remainder of the day.

Under the direction of Brother Lionel, students were encouraged to keep notebooks with summaries of Father Lyons' talks. A Grand prize was awarded for the best notebook, and prizes were also given to the best-arranged in each of the classes. The retreat closed on the morning of the fourth day with the entire student body attending Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion.

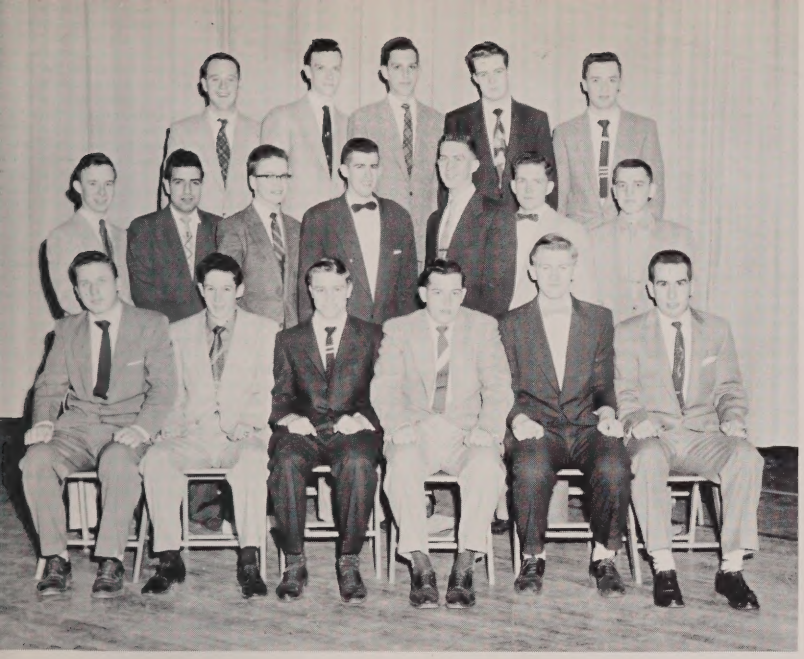
FIRST ROW—Left to Right: J. Toohill, J. Carlin, P. Szczepucha, A. McCurdy.
SECOND ROW—Left to Right: J. Dwyer, J. Dvareckas, R. Grady, G. Peterson.

DEBATES

PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

One of the benefits of a high school education which is gathering headway is the ability of a youth to express himself properly by means of public speaking. During the past year the Public Speaking Club, under the leadership of Brother Ricardo, was founded for this very purpose. Eugene O'Rourke was elected president by the members, most of whom belonged to the senior class.

The highlight of the season was the Declamation Contest, which was under the sponsorship of this club. There were two contests, one for Seniors and Juniors and the other for Sophomores and Freshmen. The winner of the Senior Division was Gordon Peterson. Gordon represented the school in the Diocesan Declamation Contest and was proclaimed the Senior winner by the judges. Gordon also took part in the American Legion Declamation Contest and was successful in both the county and the regional contests and took part in the State Finals at Boston. Here his record was interrupted as the judges selected Gordon as the second speaker in the contest. With another year of eligibility left, we are sure that he will succeed in his final goal. John Toohil was the winner of the Junior Division of the School Declamation Contest and represented the School in this Division in the Diocesan Declamation Contest. John was unsuccessful in this his first year but we know that he has the ability to continue the success that St. John's has enjoyed in the past five years of Declamation Contests.



FIRST ROW—Left to Right: S. Toloczko, J. Decker, P. Govoni, J. Rembiszewski, R. Dowd, J. Cullen.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: W. Lucier, J. Thomas, J. Connor, T. Hill, R. Keleher, H. Davis, A. Bourbeau.

THIRD ROW—Left to Right: L. Clifford, H. Shea, D. Klocek, F. Walsh, B. Walsh.

Chemistry Club

The St. John's Chemistry Club, composed of juniors and seniors, under the directorship of Brother Bede, had its start this year as part of the new extra-curricular activity program. Every Tuesday afternoon, the twenty members met down in the chemistry laboratory and completed an hour of experimentations. Along with the Physics and Biology Clubs, the Chemistry Club entered the St. John's Prep Science Fair. Although off to a slow start, the Chemistry Club promises to be a big assistance to the school in the years to come.

Physics Club

The year 1955 marked the first Physics Club in the history of St. John's Prep. St. John's Physics Club included a membership of about twenty senior students and was enrolled in the Science Clubs of America. Officers of the club were Joseph Rembiszewski, president; Paul Govoni, vice-president; John Decker, secretary; Roger Dowd, treasurer. Under the moderation of Brother Plunkett, the club held its weekly meetings at the school and on various occasions visited science fairs throughout Worcester County. Finally the Einsteins of St. John's Prep took part in the school's first science fair, which included many ingenious displays. All in all the Physics Club was very successful.

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: J. Rembiszewski, H. Davis, P. Jolicoeur, R. Bourget, G. Ryder, J. Cullen, M. Treacy.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: L. Strzelecki, G. Shea, R. Whalen, E. MacInnes, P. Dubrey, P. Malkasian, C. Jaworski, G. McAtee, W. Bullock, R. McGuinness, J. Paquette.

THIRD ROW—Left to Right: F. Glodis, P. Cole, J. Dorsey, W. Riordan, R. Dowd, L. McGrail, S. Toloczko, A. Bourbeau, R. Pauliukonis.

MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR CLASS AND THEIR DATES PARTICIPATE IN THE GRAND MARCH AT THE ANNUAL JUNIOR PROM

JUNIOR PROM

Seventy couples attended the annual junior prom in the Empire Room of Putnam and Thurston's Restaurant, May 20. With Ernie Tessier supplying the music, it was a gala evening for the Pioneers and their dates.

The hall was decorated with the St. John's banner and the traditional Red and White streamers, centered with a rotating crystal ball.

Chairmen for the affair were Jack Conley and Dick Cloutier, assisted by Len Vaudreuil, Bob Regan, Mike Laughlin and Jack McNamara.

Favors were distributed after the grand march which was led by the class officers. A grand time was had by all!

CLASS OFFICERS AND THEIR DATES

Christmas Dance

A new addition to the social activities at St. John's Prep is the Christmas Dance set up by the Dance Committee under the guidance and hard work of Brother Lionel. This dance was held in the gym and it was the opinion of all that the gym never looked better. It is to be hoped that this dance will soon become as popular as the other two senior dances. Music for the night was supplied by George Gregory.

Senior Hop

One of the traditional dances at St. John's Prep is the senior hop. Without the senior hop the senior year would not be complete. The hop was conducted under the leadership of Brother Lionel and the following Seniors: Jack Cunningham, Jim Dorsey and Jack Davis. It was the first time in the history of the school that this popular dance was held in the Empire Room of Putnam and Thurston's. Music was supplied by Al Kurlan and his band.

GRAND MARCH LED BY THE SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

RON McCROHON AND HIS DATE SAY GOODNIGHT

SENIOR PROM

Nearly one hundred couples from St. John's and Ascension enjoyed the rhythm of Russ Cole's orchestra at the beautiful Wachusett Country Club ballroom, Friday the 20th of May. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. James J. Dorsey and Mr. and Mrs. William F. Esip.

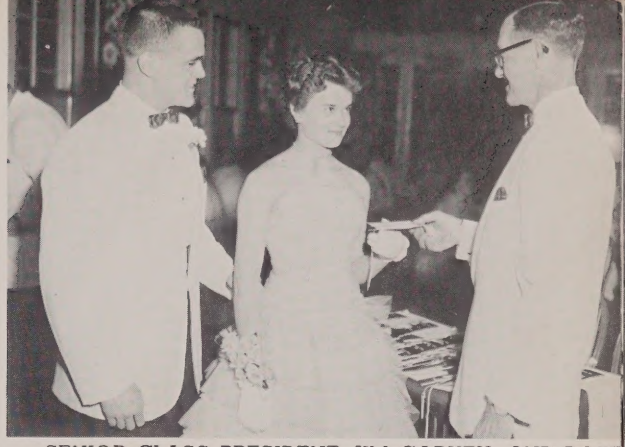
Special Prom favors were sterling silver school seals on silver chains. Following the dance most of the couples went to the famous Old Mill in Westminster, a beautiful rustic dining place.

Some of the couples seen at Wachusett were: Jim Garvey and Barbara Leary, Jim Dorsey and Del Borgatti, Bill Tattan and Peggy Johnson, Barry McGrath and Joanne Williams, Leo Kallio and Sue Mattero, Fran McCarthy and Barbara Cook, Buzz Dennehy and Chris Leger, Jim Canavan and Lu Lu Field, Jack Cunningham and Maureen Larkin, Tom Hill and Brita Sund, Bob Meehan and Margie Warner, Fran Savage and Elva Russell. Moderator was Brother Lionel.

JIM, BUZZ, AND JACK ENJOY A SHORT PAUSE WITH THEIR DATES

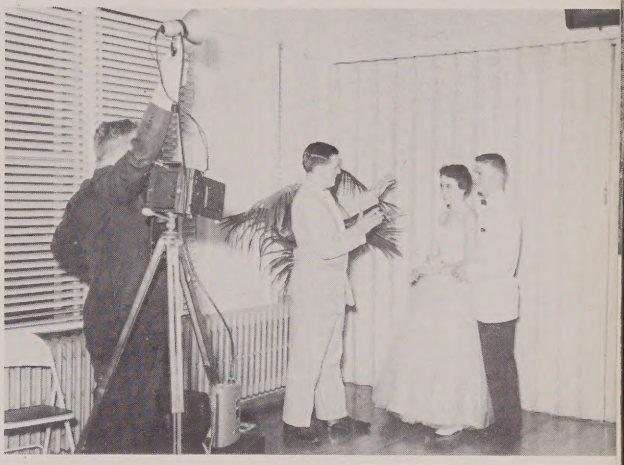
SENIOR PROM

JIM DORSEY, SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT, AND DEL BORGATTI MEET BANDLEADER RUSS COLE



SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT, JIM GARVEY, AND DATE BARBARA LEARY ARE GREETED BY CHAPERONE MR. ESIP

BILLY TATTAN AND BARRY McGRATH PREPARE TO LEAVE



AL BODEN AND MAUREEN TOOMEY TAKE SOUVENIR PICTURES

THE MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR CLASS ENJOY THE FIRST DANCE OF THE EVENING

WALT LUSIER AND DON KLOCEK WITH DATES MEET BROTHER LIONEL AND CHAPERONES

STUDENT ATHLETE, BOB KELEHER IS ATTENDED TO BY HIS VALETS BUZZ, JIM, CLIFF, RED, AND CUZ

FATHER DONOHUE PRESENTS FAVOR TO JACK DAVIS AND ANN RICHMOND

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: William McGrath, Paul Tougas, Richard Clarey, Francis Kelly, Robert Cousineau, John Power, Edward Foley.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: John McManus, Peter O'Malley, John Deviney, Francis Tivnan, Hamilton Davis, Paul Jolicoeur, Theodore DuVarney.

THIRD ROW—Left to Right: George McAtee, Paul Dubrey, Gerald Ryder, Gordon Peterson, Timothy McMaster, Donald Moran.

RED AND WHITE

With the October issue, the "Red and White" started its fourteenth and most successful year. Highly capable Dick Clarey and Fran Kelly were chosen as co-editors. Other members of the senior class were Ham Davis, John Power, Jack Cunningham, Frank Tivnan, Dick Sullivan, Ed Foley, Bob Cousineau, Paul Tougas, Bill McGrath, Gerald Siemienkiewicz and Jack Davis. These in turn were backed by a very impressive staff of underclassmen. The competent faculty advisor was Brother Ricardo, whose work was invaluable. So we say "au revoir" to the Red and White's gala year and leave the challenge to the following staff to beat it.

SEATED—Left to Right: Bob Keleher, Sports Editor; and Walter Brown.
STANDING—Left to Right: Co-Editors Buzz Dennehy, Jim Canavan, and Fran McCarthy.

YEARBOOK STAFF

This year the Seniors voted to receive their yearbooks in October, thus following the example set by last year's class. This was done in order that the proms, baseball, and graduation could be included. The publisher of the yearbook is again Mercantile Printing Company who previously published all the yearbooks from 1948 with the exception of the last two years' classes.

Co-editors of the Pioneer are Paul Dennehy, Jim Canavan, Gene McCarthy, and Walter Brown. They were ably assisted by Bob Keleher who did much of the typing. The job of collecting money and watching over ads was handled by business managers Jim Garvey and Paul Tougas.

Last but not least were Brother Dennis Joseph and Brother Bede who gave much of their time and effort in supervising the work, and without whose help, the yearbook would not be possible.

THE MARRIAGE OF NELLY KELLY TO FRANCIS WALSH ATTENDED BY THE ENTIRE CAST

MUSICAL

ALONG O'CONNELL AVENUE

The Worcester Playhouse was the scene of St. John's musical presentation **Along O'Connell Avenue** on the nights of March seventh and eighth.

The musical cast and chorus of sixty boys and girls was professionally directed by Mr. William A. Farrell. These cast members, the majority of whom attend St. John's and Ascension Schools, represented several other High Schools.

The story of the musical was based on the fictional romance of one "Nancy Kelly" (Carol A. Tessier) the renowned daughter of a famous father, Officer Kelly (Charles R. Moriarty). The final act contains the wedding of darling Nancy with a beloved Irishman dramatized by Francis Walsh.

The production was studded with soloists among whom were: Marlene A. Lekstrom, James Garvey, Gerard Gerrits, Francis Walsh, David Scannell, Walter Brown and Gordon Peterson. Particularly delightful dance routine was presented by Betty Brosnahan.

For the first time in the history of St. John's a noted singing chorus made its appearance in a group of students under the well chosen name of "The Tonaliers." It is hoped that such a talented group will appear in forthcoming productions. The group consisted of James Garvey, Gerard Gerrits, James Connor, Francis Walsh, Michael Carrigan, George McKenna, Thomas Conroy, Timothy McMaster, George Brown, Joseph Cooney, James Coggins and David Scannell.

Perhaps the high-light of the evening was the appearance of "The Floradora Girls." These gals were nine of our "best." Dressed in the traditional garb of the late 19th century . . . the also traditional can-can dance, with all the wiggles and kicks, brought forth laughter and applause, not easily forgotten by the cast or audience, after many, many encores.

The Floradora beauties are, in reality, none other than our football line, Al Boden, John Conley, Laurence X. Clifford, John Malloy, Robert C. Meehan, Charles Pattison, Joseph Rembiszewski, Francis Savage and Stanley C. Toloczko.

Senior Class Officers

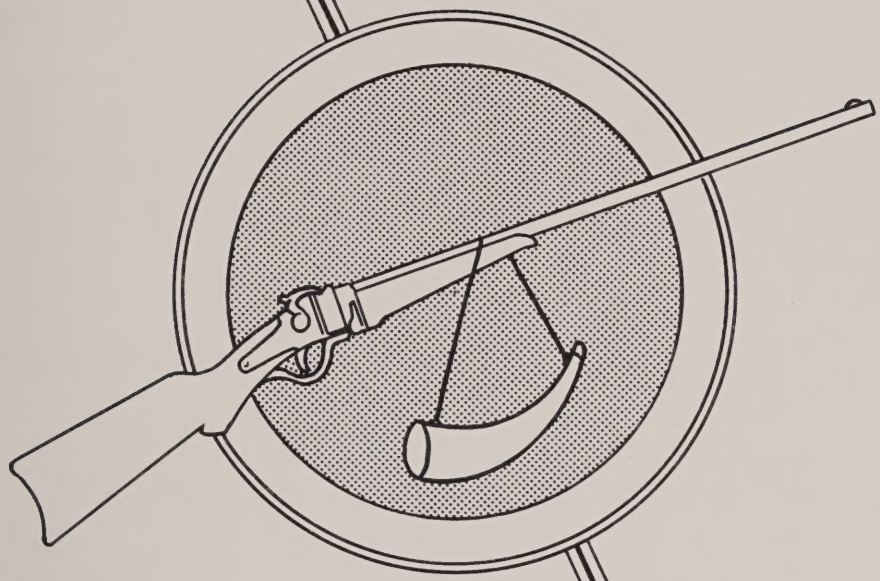
FIRST ROW—Left to Right: Barry McGrath, James Dorsey, James Garvey, Ronald McCrohon.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: Robert Meehan, Roland Rizkalla.

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: Thomas Conroy, Gerald Ryder, Robert Cousineau, Michael Carrigan, Theodore DuVarney.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: Francis Birch, James Meagher, Michael Sienkiewicz, Paul McGuinness.

Art and Poster Club



UNDERGRADS

CLASS ROOM X202

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: G. McDermott, W. Bullock, R. Pauliukonis, D. Gothing, C. Jaworski, J. Deviny, P. Cole, T. DuVarney, G. Shea, R. Whalen, L. Vaudreuil.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: P. Jolicoeur, T. Harrahy, P. Malkasian, G. Bailey, V. Canty, J. Kirwan, F. Coughlin, T. McMaster, J. McManus, A. Roy, R. Nicewicz, E. MacInnes, L. Strzelecki.

THIRD ROW—Left to Right: G. McKenna, W. Riordan, T. Conroy, M. Carrigan, J. Meagher, M. Treacy, G. Peterson, L. McGrail, G. Ryder, D. Moran, B. Hyland, G. Downey.

X202

HOME ROOM FOR BROTHER NATHAN containing hockey Co-Captains Ted DuVarney and Paul Jolicoeur. Outstanding student for the year was Gerald Ryder.

CLASSROOM X201

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: J. Jackson, E. Durkin, W. Duffy, F. Glodis, J. Shields, R. O'Connell, P. O'Leary, D. Pollard, J. Buckley, J. Gannon, J. Licoski.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: J. Smith, G. McAtee, R. McGuinness, P. O'Malley, J. Doherty, C. Lucey, J. Fitzgerald, P. Dubrey, F. D'Elia, D. Granger, J. Castle, F. Cahill, M. Loughlin.

THIRD ROW—Left to Right: F. Falvey, J. Dvareckas, G. Sullivan, J. Carr, T. Foley, J. Lane, R. Wilkins, J. Hallinan, J. Conley, L. Zalauskas, J. Hoey.

X201

BROTHER ANTHONY'S CLASS was known for Football Co-Captains Joe Lane and George Sullivan, and basketball captains Jack Foley and Joe Lane. Top student was Richard Wilkins.

CLASSROOM J102

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: T. Kennedy, H. Denoncour, K. Tebo, W. Madaus, R. Monahan, P. Davis, T. O'Brien, J. Giuliano, J. O'Brien, F. Ryan, J. St. Jean.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: R. Leary, R. McCarthy, R. Faugno, J. Beauregard, B. Forand, P. O'Neil, J. Eagan, R. Couture, J. Power, R. Pentland, R. Moynagh, M. Fallon, J. Mullen, R. Croteau.

THIRD ROW—Left to Right: J. McGuinness, J. Fadgen, T. Lane, C. Matuzek, J. O'Shea, R. Falvey, E. Sullivan, J. Moynihan, D. Scannell, R. Williamson, J. Toohil, D. Whelan, G. Brown, P. Cavanaugh, J. Mahoney, W. Moran.

J102

BROTHER DUNSTAN'S SOPHOMORES were made famous by public speaker John Toohil. High man for the year was David Whelan.

CLASSROOM J104

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: W. Keating, R. Licoski, E. Borek, P. Cadrin, C. Gallagher, P. Kalagher, L. Tebo, R. Hanam, R. Belanger, C. Daley, J. Hogan.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: D. Mahoney, R. DuBrule, D. Lucier, J. McNally, K. Milus, A. McCurdy, D. Hughes, K. Zereski, J. Cooney, R. Chiras, T. Sullivan, E. Langlois, D. Murphy, J. Cunningham, D. O'Hara.

THIRD ROW—Left to Right: J. Pare, P. Dowd, F. Langway, D. Coonan, J. Ridick, J. Coggins, E. Kasavich, J. O'Connor, J. Ramelli, F. Pageau, B. Hayes, L. Sweeney, F. Lee, P. Halloran.

J104

J104 WAS THE HOMEROOM for basketball star Don Hughes. Many disturbances were caused by Pete Dowd. Brother Plunket's pride and joy was James Coggins.

CLASSROOM J101

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: F. Birch, D. Collins, E. Casey, W. Rossa, R. Cashin, P. Fahlstrom, J. Quinn, G. Vezina, S. Grassechi, J. LeBlanc, J. Mahoney.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: H. Gannon, P. Wood, R. Parker, D. Geronimo, P. McGuiness, A. Walsh, F. Doyle, J. Doran, F. Chaffee, C. Wixted, V. Avedian, K. MacWade, W. Brosnahan, A. Bellows.

THIRD ROW—Left to Right: J. Griffin, P. Pastorelli, J. Moynihan, J. O'Connell, R. Dion, M. Synder, W. Foley, J. Carlin, J. Knych, F. Rozanski, W. Conley.

FOURTH ROW—Left to Right: J. Pisinski, M. Dwyer, D. Grady, M. Sienkiewicz, E. Hall, R. Gilligan, P. Williams, P. DiPierro, R. Coffey, J. Meagher.

J101

THE NEWCOMERS to the '55 year, under the able direction of Brother Alfred, sport the boy, with the highest scholastic average, Joe O'Connell.

CLASSROOM J103

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: J. Kane, J. O'Brien, E. Jeffrey, F. Kasheta, P. Szczepucha, R. O'Grady, R. Hayes, J. Norton, F. Cronin, T. Morrissey, D. Burns.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: A. Vaudreuil, J. Roche, W. McManus, J. Duke, W. Hagan, K. Garnsey, E. Hanlon, D. Baxter, G. Belinskas, J. Casey, J. Fay, K. Calcagni, R. White, W. Rourke, T. Keeney.

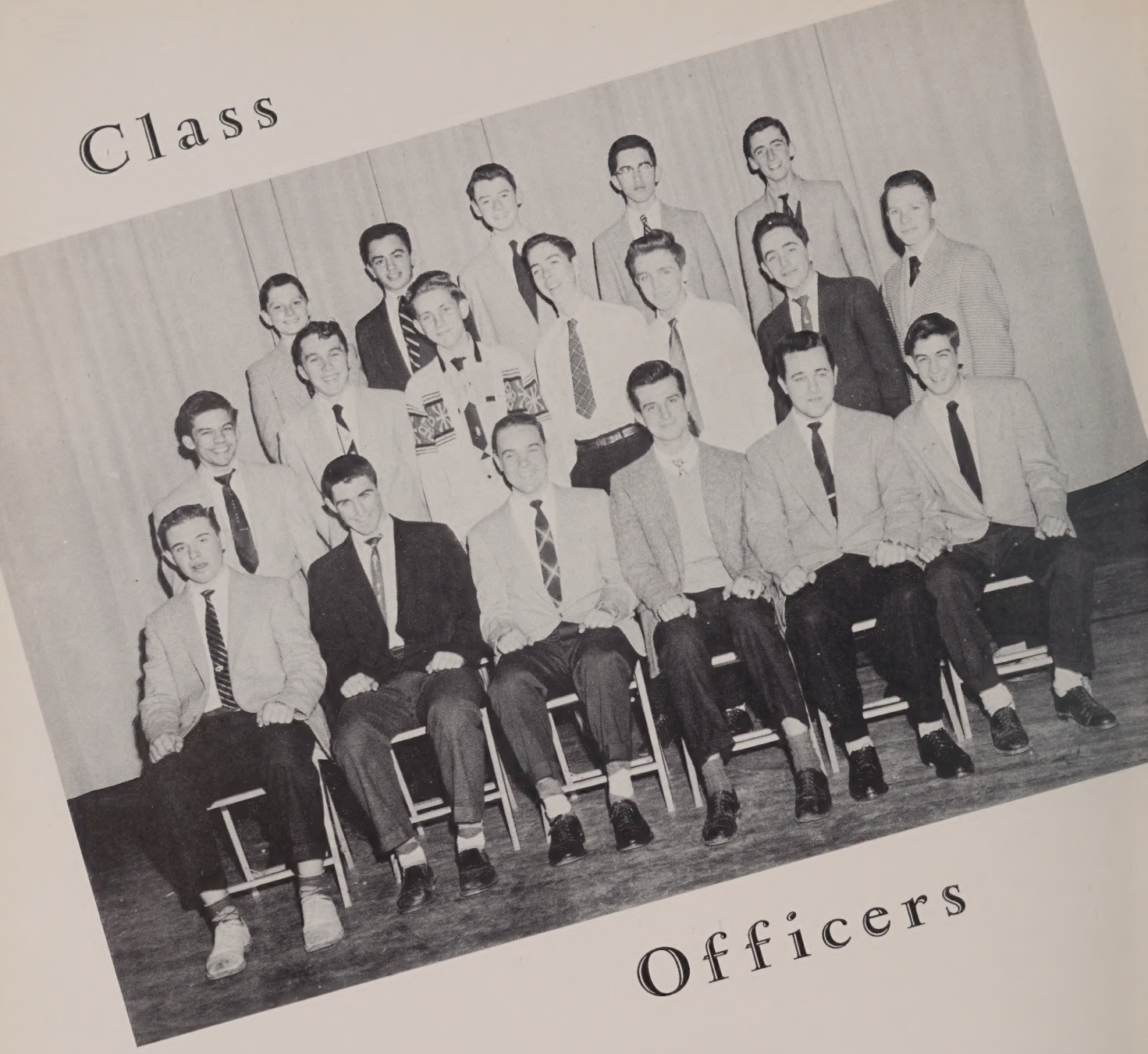
THIRD ROW—Left to Right: R. Powers, D. Higgins, J. Esper, P. Houle, J. Flanagan, J. Cove, R. Lotuff, S. Myers, E. Hippert, C. Kent, P. Marrone, A. Harpin, C. Monahan, T. Cooney.

FOURTH ROW—Left to Right: G. Desrosiers, T. Walsh, J. O'Connor, R. Constanzo, R. Gibney, E. Ashe, D. Pecevich, R. Quinlivan, F. Tinsley, P. Emmons.

J103

BROTHER BEDE'S FROSH were noted for their great support of all school functions. William McManus was top student.

Class Officers

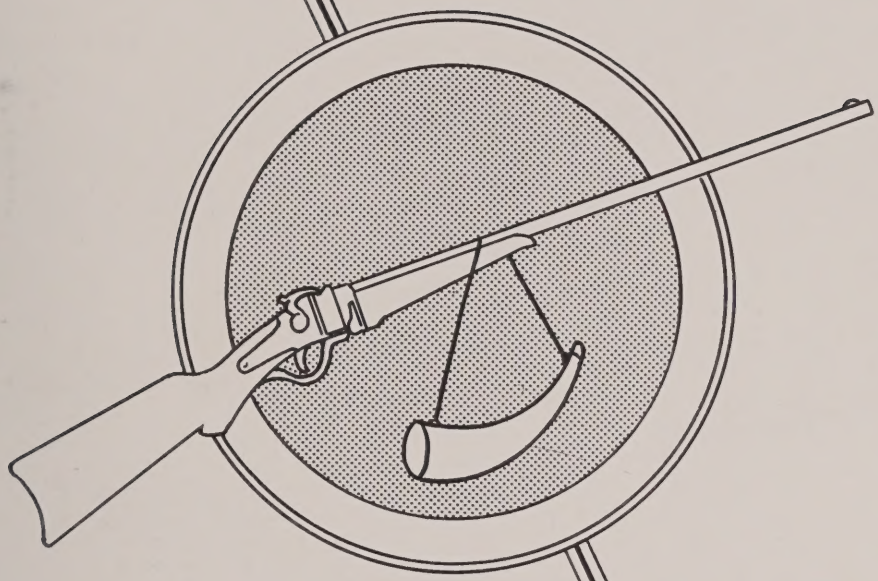


CLASS OFFICERS AT ST. JOHN'S

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: George Sullivan (X201), Joseph Lane (X201), Thomas Foley (X201), Gordon Peterson (X202), Gerald Ryder (X202), Timothy McMaster (X202).

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: Robert Belanger (J104), Donald Hughes (J104), Richard Falvey (J102), James Moynihan (J102), John Power (J102), William Keating (J104), Daniel Mahoney (J104).

THIRD ROW—Left to Right: Paul Szczepucha (J103), Paul Marrone (J103), Joseph O'Connell (J101), Peter Pastorelli (J101), Paul McGuinness (J101).



SPORTS

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: Assistant coach Mr. DeCastro, R. Keleher, L. Kallio, G. Lapriore, W. Tattan, Co-Captain J. Garvey, Co-Captain R. McCrohon, R. Cousineau, L. Clifford, F. Savage, C. Patterson, Coach Mr. O'Neil.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: M. Treacy, W. Bullock, J. Cullen, T. Lyons, J. Dorsey, R. Tarallo, A. Boden, J. Malloy, B. Walsh, G. Sullivan.

THIRD ROW—Left to Right: R. Couture, R. McCarthy, F. D'Elia, J. Lane, P. O'Malley, J. Doherty, C. Lucey, J. Hoey, W. Moran, B. Forand, K. MacWade.

FOURTH ROW—Left. to Right: P. Dowd, R. Chiras, J. Fadgen, R. Belanger.

FOOTBALL

The 1955 football season started with John O'Neil and "Manny" DeCastro succeeding Bob Devlin as gridiron coaches. They brought in the wing-T, changing from our customary single-wing.

The year's record did not show the power that Mr. O'Neil installed into the St. John's team. The season record ended up with two wins, four losses and one tie.

Jim Garvey and Ron McCrohan elected co-captains by the 1953 eleven, led their companions capably throughout the year. The Pioneers unveiled the '54 eleven with a loss to Keith Academy by a score of 13 to 6, but in the second game against Commerce bounced back with a 24 to 0 victory. In this game the quartet of backfielders each scored.

STARTING TEAM

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: F. Savage, J. Lane, J. Hoey, Co-Capt. J. Garvey, J. Malloy, G. Sullivan, and G. Lapriore.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: Co-Capt. R. McCrohon, L. Kallio, J. Walsh, W. Tattan, C. Lucey, and R. Torallo.

Staying in the stride of the previous game the Pioneer eleven marched over North by a score of 19 to 0. North's highly touted Vic Vezoulas, a pre-game threat was stopped "cold" by St. John's jarring line play of Jim Garvey, John Malloy, Fran Savage and company. In this game Bill Tatton cut loose with two touchdowns. This game was followed by a let-down in the loss to Trade by the score of 6 to 0. This was St. John's first city loss since 1950. Even though the game was lost, the boys fought furiously to the last period where Tommy Russell scored the only touchdown of the game.

The next game was a defeat going to the hands of St. John's of Danvers by a score of 24 to 6. Although the Pioneers led with a score of 6 to 0 at the half, the Blue and White had greater endurance in the closing period of the contest.

At Pyncheon Park in Springfield, St. John's put up one of the best battles of the campaign in holding a strong Cathedral High of Springfield to a 7 to 7 tie. The outstanding players in the game were G. Lapriore, G. Sullivan and B. Walsh. Scoring the only touchdown for the Pioneers was Bill Tatton and the coversion was made good by the year-round kicker Bob Cousineau.

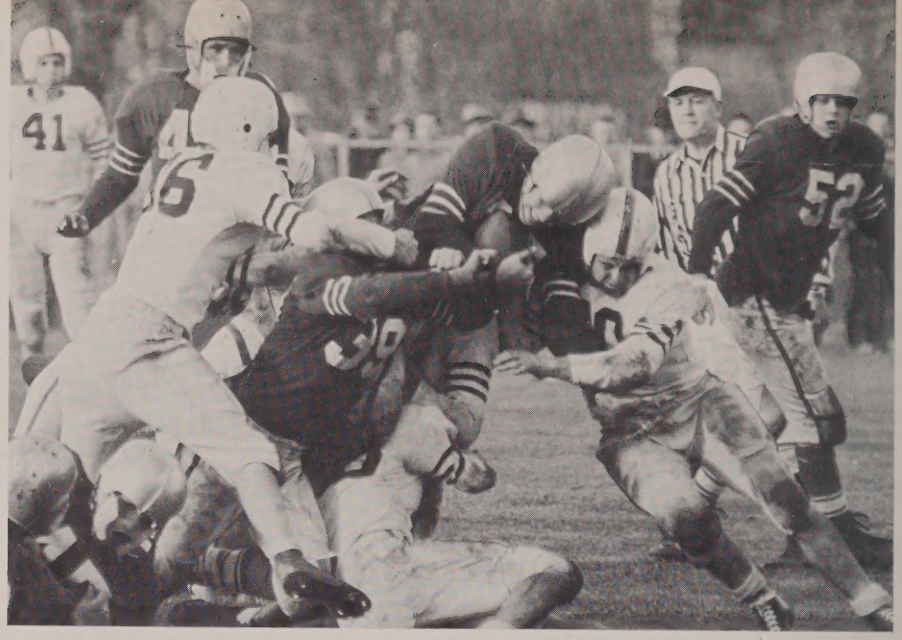
The traditional St. Peter's-St. John's game was won by St. Peter's 7 to 6, ending St. John's eleven year reign. Scoring for St. Peter's was Dan Sullivan with the conversion made by Rourke. Halfback Bill Tatton came up with St. John's lone touchdown. Jim Garvey, Joe Lane, Jim Hoey and Fran Savage played a well-fought game.

Fullback Bob Walsh and center Jim Garvey were named on the Telegram and Gazette all-city football team. Making the Catholic Free Press All-star team were Bill Tattan, Fran Savage and George Sullivan.

COACH O'NEIL discusses lineup for coming game with Co-Captains Jim Garvey and Ron McCrohon. Asst. coach DeCastro looks on.

TOUCHDOWN!

Billy Tattan, high scoring half-back, scores lone touchdown aganist Saint Peter's.



TIME OUT!

Co-Captain Jim Garvey plans strategy in a time out during game with Trade High.

NO GAIN!

Cathedral runner stopped at scrimmage by John Malloy and Buddy Lapriore.
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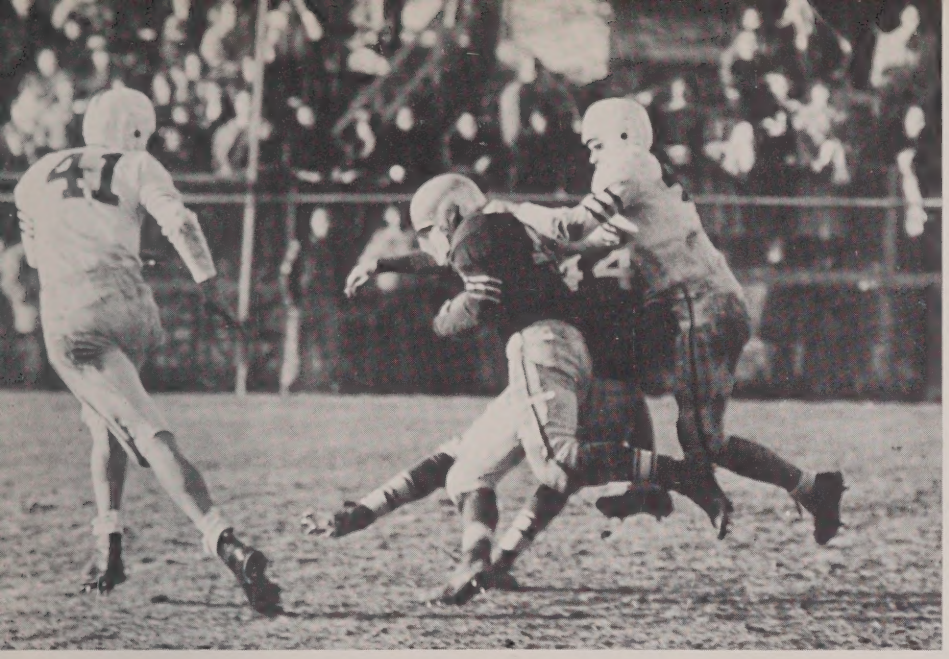


TEAMWORK

Bobby Walsh picks up key block from Frank Savage to make sizeable gain in the St. Peter's game.

STOPPED SHORT

St. Peter's halfback brought down by Tattan and McCrohon after short gain.

TENSE MOMENT

St. John's bench rises during an exciting moment in the thrilling North game.

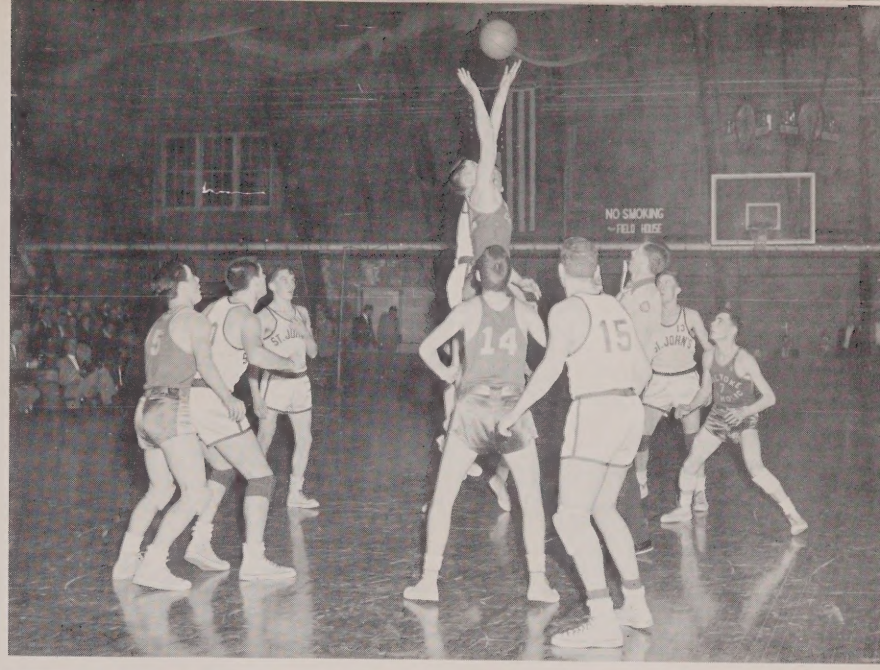
FIRST ROW—Left to Right: Bill Tattan, Jim Dorsey, Co-Capts. Bob Keleher and Barry McGrath, Marty Harrity, and Dick Sullivan.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: Jr. Mgr. Jim Remelli, Con Lucey, Don Hughes, Frank Falvey, Joe Lane, Tom Foley, Bus Bullock and Sr. Mgr. Larry Clifford.

BASKETBALL

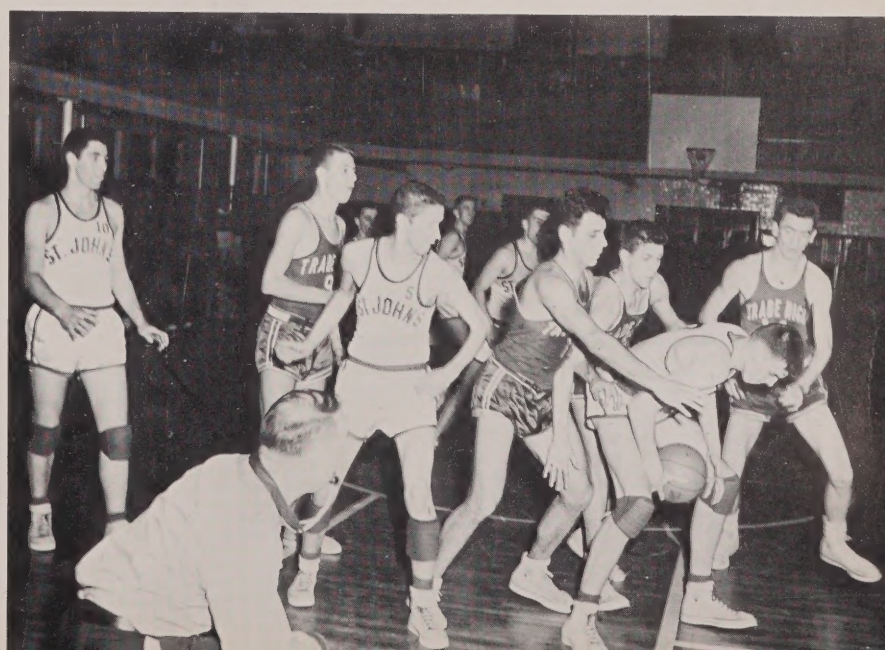
Following perhaps the most successful season ever in Pioneer history, the basketball team won two post season games and qualified for another. Within five days immediately after the end of regular play the Pioneers played and won five games. The first two against David Prouty of Spencer and North High of Worcester were qualification tilts for the Western Mass. and were held in Fitchburg.

The next three days they were occupied in downing Bishop Bradley of New Hampshire, Archbishop Williams of Braintree and Lawrence Central Catholic High, thus successfully securing the New England Catholic Invitational Tournament.

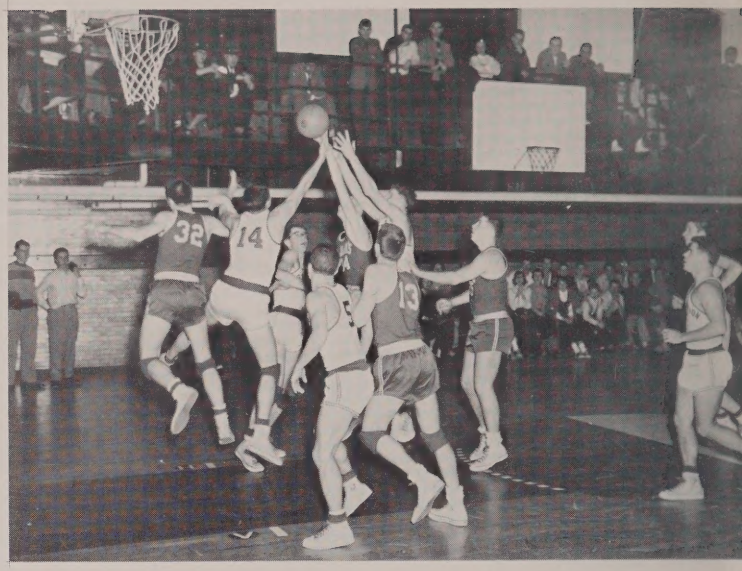


Tabor Academy fell (74-60) two days later. After beating Holyoke Catholic and Greenfield in the quarter and semi-finals, the boys covered themselves with glory in downing Commerce High of Worcester 66-39 to annex the second Western Mass. crown in five years for St. John's and Mr. Devlin.

However, the very next week they suffered the only loss of the campaign to a powerful Hillhouse High of Connecticut in the quarter finals of the New England High School Basketball Tournament.



Throughout the regular season the boys played good ball and had a few tough games. Notably, a one point triumph over St. Peter's and two close games with St. Stephens, 77-70 and 65-64, were real thrillers. Of course as in the past years the Pioneers were blessed with a good starting five and many excellent reserves. Co-captain Barry McGrath, high scorer and leading rebounder, led a potent array which also included Joe Lane, who along with McGrath scored over 300 points, Bill Tattan, Rich Sullivan, and Co-Captain Bob Keleher.



Seniors Marty Harrity and Jim Dorsey headed a fine bench, which also included Don Hughes, Tom Foley, Buster Bullock, Frank Falvey, Con Lucey, all sound ball players.

The success of this season's team cannot be attributed to any one individual, but rather, it was a team effort right down to the final game. It had to be to compile such an unbelievable record. However, if we had to single out any one person it would be none other than the coach Mr. Bob Devlin.

At the finish of the season's play, the whole team and the cheerleaders were honored at a banquet, held in Putnam & Thurston's dining hall. The team members and manager were presented with jackets and sets of accessories. The jackets were donated by Br. Vincent C.F.X. and the cufflink sets were gifts of the Pioneer Club. Later, at a buffet luncheon for lettermen, the team presented Bob with a gift as an indication of their gratitude. A fitting climax to a great season.

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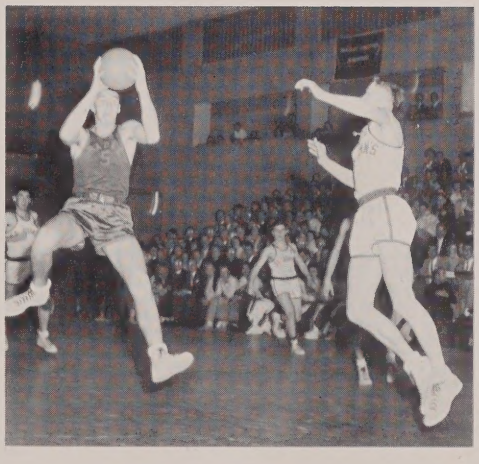

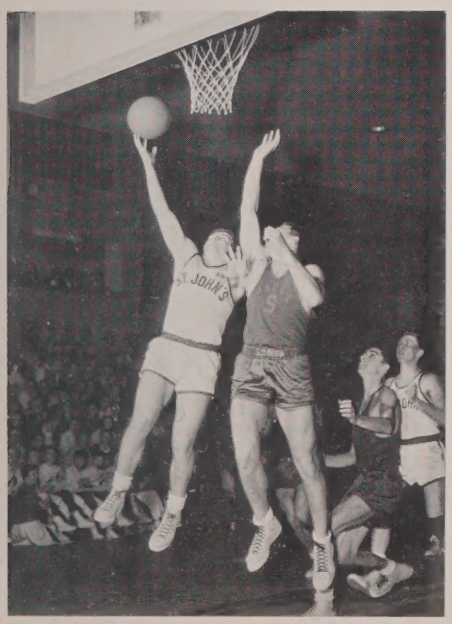
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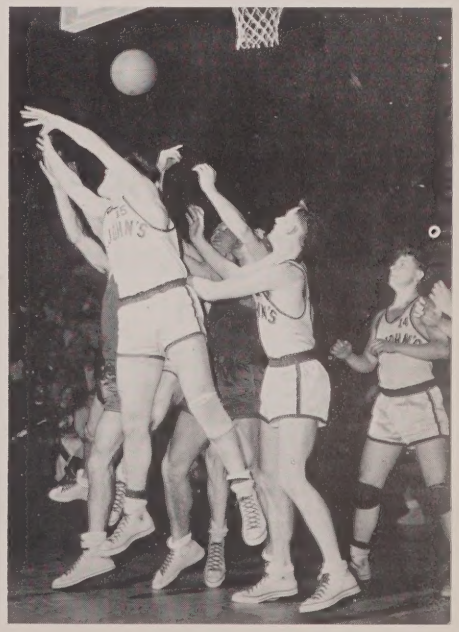

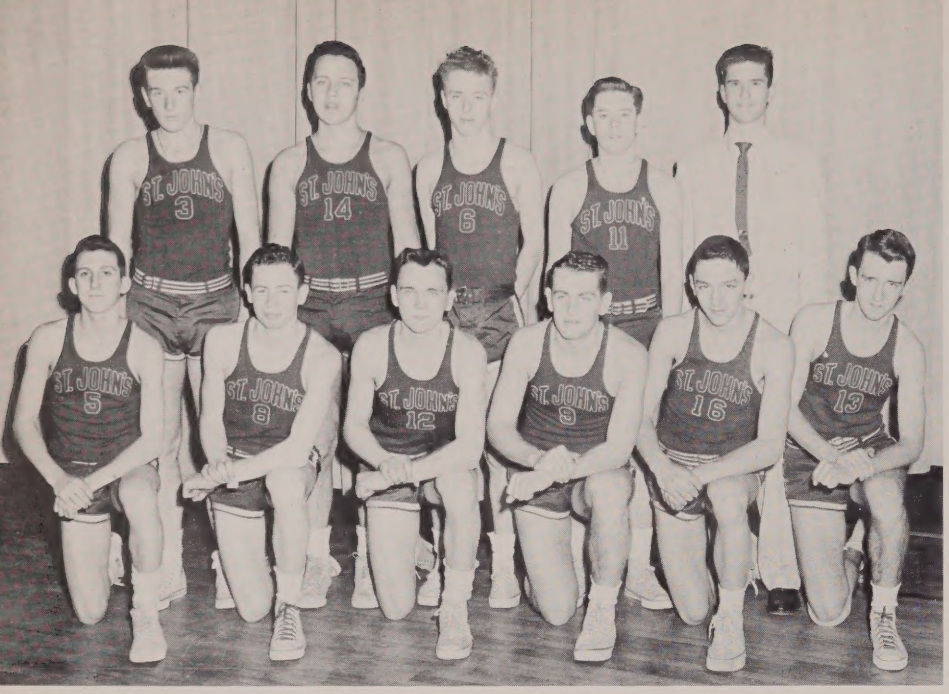

Another great season was compiled by an outstanding jayvee team under the expert guidance of Brother Alfred. Through the efforts of Sullivan, Canty, Lee, Giuliano, and Co. an excellent record of 14-3 was achieved. Mr. Devlin is expecting great things from this club.

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: J. Coonan, R. Ridick, D. Cavannaugh, R. Moynaugh, mgr., J. Romelli.

KNEELING—Left to Right: F. Giuliano, R. Lee, T. Sullivan, P. Canty, D. Persavich, J. McNally.

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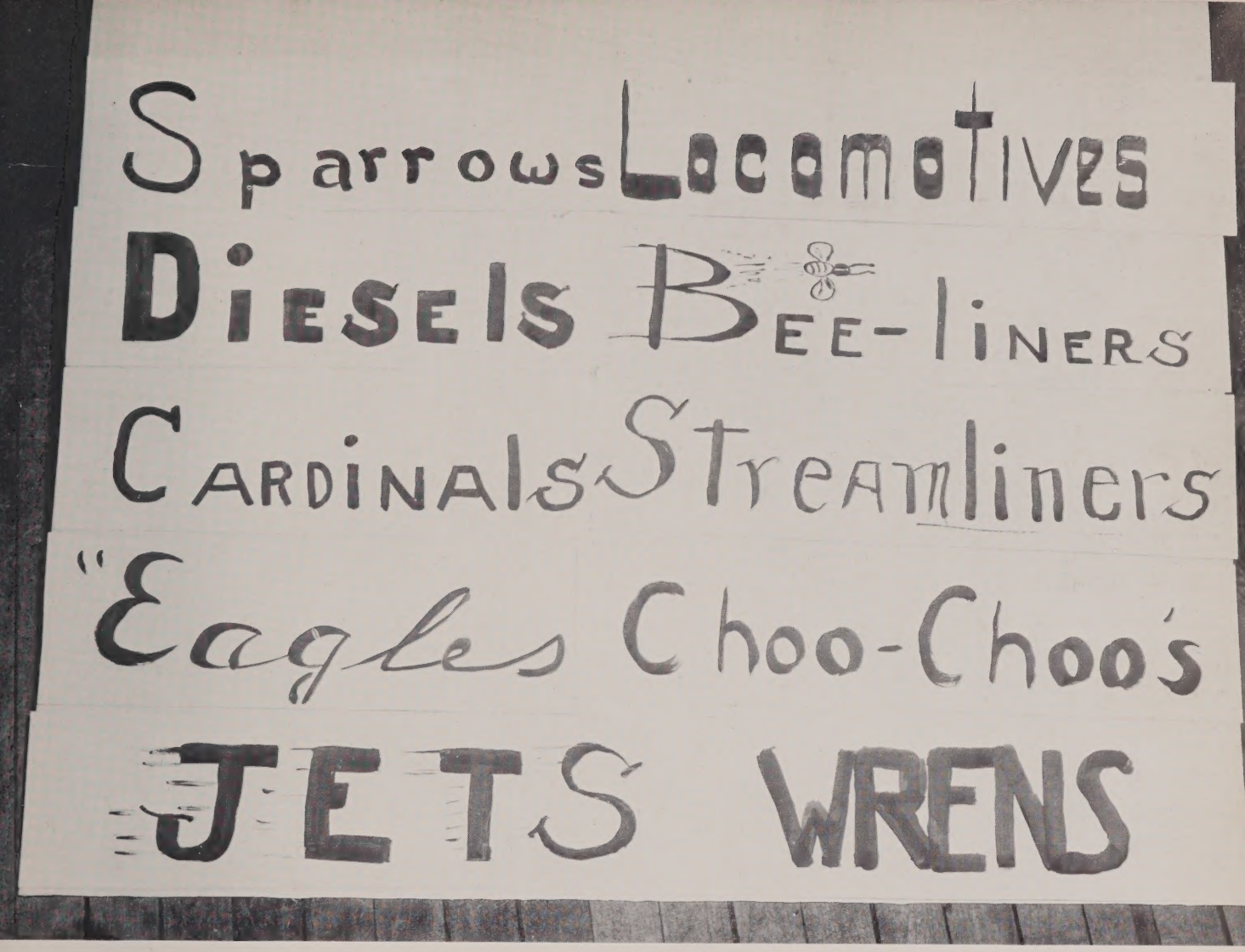
FIRST ROW—Left to Right: F. Kasheta, C. Kent, P. Williams, R. Gibney, R. Constanzo, J. O'Connor, M. Dwyer, P. McGuinness.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: P. Szczepucha, P. Marrone, T. Cooney, W. Foley, R. Quinlivan, D. Higgins, E. Hippert, R. White.

Brother Anthony has done it again. This year's freshman team was no exception to the usual fine clubs assembled down at Temple Street. C. Kent, E. Hipert, R. Gibney, and T. Cooney sparked the frosh to a 5-1 record including a win over rival St. Peter's.



TEAMS THAT TOOK PART IN THE FIRST FULL INTER-MURAL LEAGUE

INTER-MURALS

Inaugurated this year, the inter-mural league was a big success. Divided into two sections senior and junior, the leagues included 169 out of 350 students. The Diesels, made up of X201 boys, won the senior division by winning five straight games. In the junior section the victors were the Cardinals, comprised of sophomores and freshmen.

Frank Savage led all scorers with 54 points. Paul Malkasian and Joe Carr also scored high. Brother Alfred, Moderator, plans for a bigger and better league next year now that he has seen the excellent results of this experimental season.

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: Bob Colbert, Ham Davis, Leo Kallio, Ted DuVarney, Bob Bourget, Bob Ledoux, and Bob Hehir.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: Coach Bill Kane, Paul Kalagher, Paul Galagher, PeeWee Joliceour, Dick Williamson, Jack McGinnis, Jim Fay, and Kevin MacQuade, Manager.

H O C

After a shaky start the St. John's pucksters showed a fighting spirit. In the first game, Auburn edged St. John's 3-2 but Bob Bourget led the team from here on to a good season with his fast and accurate shooting. Other leaders during the year were Ham Davis, Leo Kallio, Bob Hehir, Bob Ledoux, and John Walsh. The team to beat was Hudson High

BOB LEDOUX SHOOTS IN CLOSE FOR GOAL AGAINST ASSUMPTION

"LET'S GET IN THERE AND SCORE"

and the first time these two met, Hudson won 4-0.

Towards the end of the season S. J. faced Hudson for the second time. St. John's was in second place with Hudson still reigning over all. The great coaching of Bill Kane plus the shooting of Bob Bourget made this a different game from the one earlier in the season. The score was 3-0 in favor of S. J. at the start of the third period. The followers of St. John's were sure that they were witnessing the upset of the year. It was then that Hudson proved themselves the great team that most of the spectators believed they were by coming from behind and scoring three points to tie the game before the last whistle.

This year the Central Mass. Hockey League established an all-star team on which St. John's placed five men. Led by Co-Captains Bob Bourget and Leo Kallio with Ham Davis, Bob Hehir, and Bob Ledoux.

DAVIS GOES FOR A LOOSE PUCK AS THE SHOT BY KALLIO IS BLOCKED

K E Y

St. John's enjoying a good season with a 7 and 2 record 1 tie and 1 exhibition tie and the Co-Champs of the city. Bob Bourget skated off with the most valuable player award.

L. KALLIO

H. DAVIS

R. LEDOUX

BOB BOURGET

R. HEHIR

FIRST ROW—Left to Right: Richard Williamson, Tim McMaster, Fran Savage, Rolly Rizkalla, Pete Laconfora, Dick Whalen, Dan Mahoney.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: Buster Bullock, David Pollard, Buddy Lapriore, Paul Malkasian, Bob Keleher, Frank D'Elia, Fran Giuliano. Missing when picture was taken, Connie Lucey.

BASEBALL

After a highly successful basketball season the Pioneers, under the direction of Coach Devlin, started the baseball season in early April. After the first session of practice, Mr. Devlin found his squad to be lacking in experienced players. When everything had calmed down and the dust cleared away the lineup was made as follows: Peter Laconfora, catcher; Frank D'Elia, first base, Bob Keleher, second base; Rolly Rizkalla, short stop; Buster Bullock, third base, Buddy Lapriore, left field; Connie Lucey, center field and Paul Malkasian, right field. The pitching staff consisted of ace right hander Franny Savage, ably spelled by Dave Pollard, Dick Whalen, Timmy McMaster, and Dick Williamson. Other members of the squad vying for positions were Fran Giuliano, Fran Mahoney, Don Hughes and George Sullivan.

The season opened on a sad note with a 4-3 loss to St. Stephen's and two more to Trade and Assumption. Although the Temple Streeters have made better marks in recent years this "55" team could not be overrated in spirit and sportsmanship. This is proven by their ability to come back and win nine out of their next eleven games.

St. John's 3 — St. Stephen's 4

In the season's initiation tilt at the Oval the Pioneers dropped a close one to a strong St. Stephen's array 4-3. A pinch-hit double by Don Zenaro and a few costly errors nullified a brilliant performance by Fran Savage.

St. John's 6 — Trade 18

Trade High relied on 18 hits and 4 Pioneer errors to swamp the Pioneers 18-6. Bobby Keleher had a homer, 2 doubles and 2 singles for the losers.

St. John's 3 — Assumption 5

Although they could manage but five hits the little Greyhound from Assumption capitalized on two unearned runs to defeat the Pioneers 5-3 at Rodier Field. Rolly Rizkalla and Buster Bullock each had three hits for the losers and Dave Pollard was tagged with the loss.

St. John's 0 — Trade 1

A pitcher's duel between Fran Savage and Lou Courville resulted in a 1-0 victory for the Mechanics at the Oval. Keleher, Rizkalla and D'Elia each had one of the three hits for the Pioneers.

St. John's 4 — Wachusetts 0

The Pioneers collected their sixth victory in ten starts, as they downed Wachusetts Regional 4-0 behind the three hit pitching of Dick Whalen. Although the Pioneers could muster but five hits, three were doubles by Fran Giuliano, Connie Lucey and Bob Keleher.

St. John's 1 — St. Stephen's 18

This was a lost weekend for S. J., as they fell victims to a relentless hitting attack and some steady pitching from the Grafton Hill squad. Don Doyle was the winner and Fran Savage was the losing pitcher.

St. John's 2 — Shrewsbury 1

The Pioneers took a close 2-1 victory over the Shrewsbury Colonials. After Pete Laconfora had sacrificed Dan Mahoney to second, pitcher Dick Whalen blasted a single to score Mahoney and gain another victory.

St. John's 6 — South 5

That great little Rol Rozkalla continued on another of his great performances getting four hits for four trips to the plate. After D'Elia had reached with two out Rizkalla blasted a double to bring in the winning run. Dick Whalen was the winning hurler for S. J.

St. John's 16 — Classical 2

A starring mound performance by Dick Whalen plus 3 hits by the junior hurler combined to give the Pioneers a decisive 16-2 victory. Rolly Rizkalla's offensive and defensive play was incomparable. Paul Malkasian helped the cause by hitting a three-run homer.

St. John's 8 — St. Peter's 1

The Pioneers took a well earned game from their arch rivals St. Peter's 8-1. Frank D'Elia and Rolly Rizkalla starred while Fran Savage was marked as the winning pitcher.

St. John's 11 — Wachusetts 4

Rolly Rizkalla belted four hits and Frank D'Elia contributed 3 to give the Pioneers a 11-4 victory over Wachusetts Regional High School. Dave Pollard took this one striking out 8 batters.

St. John's 6 — Assumption 5

The Pioneers made it five in a row collecting two runs in the ninth against Assumption giving Dick Whalen his fifth win. Fran Giuliano and Frank D'Elia each had three hits for St. John's.

Rollie Rizkalla, the shortstop and Co-Captain of the Pioneers, was one of the chief reasons for the team's success. Playing almost flawlessly in the field, Rollie led the Pioneer's batting with a .469 average.

Co-Captain Pete Laconfora, competent catcher of the Pioneers, was a fine reason for the capable pitching during the year. In the Wachusetts game, Pete cut down seven enemy runners attempting to steal.

Frank Savage, Ace of the Pioneer's pitching staff

Frank D'Elia connects during Saint Peter's game

Saint John's bench awaits all-important hit

Paul Malkasian rounds third and heads for home

Bob Keleher singles during the Trade game

Sonny Lucey stays alive by foul tip

Buster Bullock scores winning run in the tenth inning of the South game

Saint Peter's runner is thrown out by Rollie Riskalla as Dan Mahoney takes throw

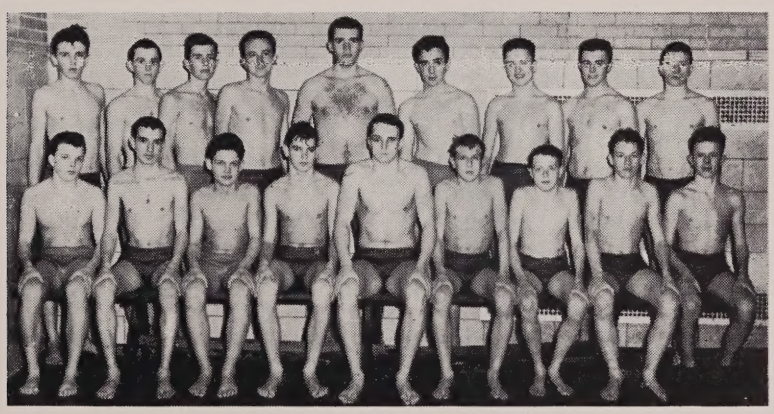
SWIMMING

The swimming squad this year made great strides under the capable direction of Brother Lionel C.F.X. The mermen swam their first meet against Leominster High School with Downey, Mahoney, and Shea taking first place. The team bowed 40-36. After losing the following event to St. Raphael's of Pawtucket, the St. John's Jayvees, led by Captain Dan Mahoney tied the experienced Worcester Academy flyweights.

The varsity team in their third meet fought fiercely, winning five out of nine first places. Downey, the 50 and 200 yard free style winner, Shea the 100 yard breaststroke winner, and Gothing, the 100 backstroke winner, paced the team. Dan Mahoney won the diving contest with 19 points but the team was edged 39-34.

The Jayvees lost their second meet with Worcester Academy 41-27. The Varsity squad made a fine showing at Gardner, placing third in the interscholastic meet with ten teams from this state participating. The St. John's swimmers finished fourth in strong competition in the National Catholic Swim Meet at Villanova College. The team also had a 39-36 victory over Wellesley High.

The St. John's Swimming Team enjoyed a successful season in its first organized campaign.



FIRST ROW—Left to Right: Bill Hagan, Clarence Wixted, George Belinskas, Bill Conley, George Downey, Paul Denoncour, Bill Rourke, John O'Brien, and Bill McManus.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right: John Power, Earl McInnes, John McManus, John Kirwan, Mike Carrigan, Dan Grady, Jim Connor, Pat Cole, and Dan Mahoney. Missing when the picture was taken were George Shea and Bernie Forand.

SENIOR TEAM STARTS LEAGUE OFF!

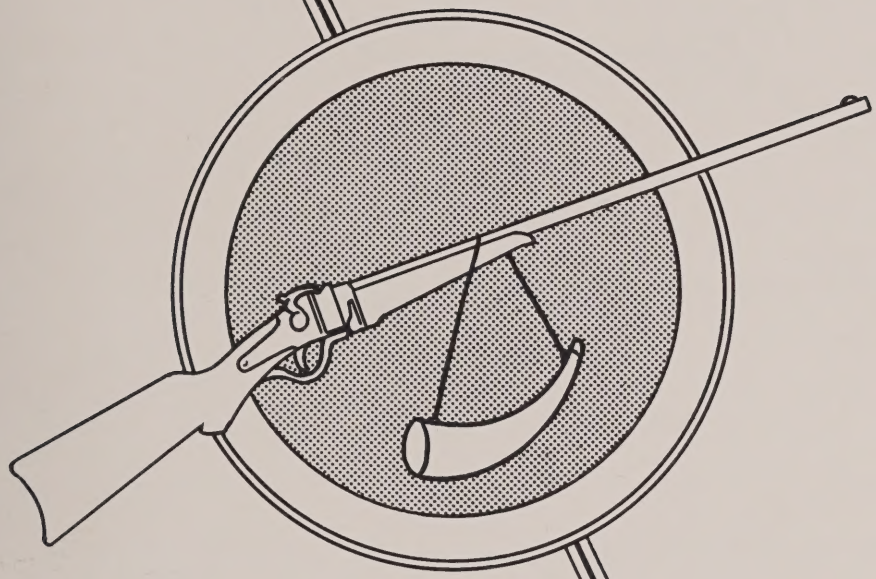
BROTHER NATHAN LOOKS OVER SCORING!

BOWLING

With the inception of the C.Y.C. program of activities, St. John's entered the field of scholastic bowling. In the initial survey of the students, eighty stalwarts indicated their intentions and desire to be keg-men. However when the terms were formed for action approximately sixty boys responded for competition.

The election of officers brought the student approval to John Davis as President; Timothy McMaster, Secretary and Thomas Conroy, Treasurer. Among the Seniors who formed the nucleus of the infant organization were Joseph Rembiszewski, Paul Govoni, John Cunningham and Robert Meehan. The majority of the contenders was from the underclassmen and this should foreshadow talented and experienced men for the next few seasons.

This indoor winter sport provided many pleasant Wednesday meetings. With the exception of a few mixed-doubles to close the season, all the contests were inter-mural. Brother Nathan C.F.X. was the faculty moderator.



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